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Red Sox fan death: The officer who fired a pepper-spray pellet that killed a woman in a raucous crowd of Red Sox fans was aiming at another fan but

missed, police said Friday.
Police on Friday also identified the shooter, Officer Rochefort Milien.

In an update of its investigation into the death of Victoria Snelgrove, police said Milien fired his pepper-spray pellet gun at a fan during an Oct. 21 disturbance, but missed. The shot hit Snelgrove in the eye, fatally injuring her.

Victoria Snelgrove was not targeted; she was struck when the projectile missed its intended target," the statement said.

Milien is on paid injury leave from the department, a person close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

West Nile virus: After two record-breaking years of West Nile virus illnesses and deaths, the nation is experiencing a relative-ly mild season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said

CDC data shows 2,282 people have been sickened by the mosquito-borne virus and 77 have died. This time last year, there were 8,219 illnesses and 182 deaths.

The virus went on to sicken 9,858 and kill 262 in 2003. There were 4,156 cases and 284 deaths in 2002.

The numbers of cases in 2002 and 2003 in the United States reflected the largest West Nile epidemics ever recorded, said Dr. Ned Hayes, a CDC West Nile expert.

John Hinckley Jr. outings: The relation-ship between John Hinckley Jr. and his former girlfriend needs more study before any decision is made about allowing the would-be assassin of President Reagan

more time away from a mental hospital, government psychiatrists said

But Hinckley's thera nist and a senior hospipsychiatrist said Hinckley has over-come the breakup and no longer poses a danger to himself or oth-

Questions Hinckley's relationship with Leslie deVeau the former girlfriend — dominated the fourth day of a hearing on Hinckley's re-

quest to spend several days at a time away from St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, where he has lived since being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the 1981 shooting of Reagan and three others.

R. Kelly pepper spray case: An associate of rapper Jay-Z has been charged with blasting singer R. Kelly with pepper spray last month at a concert, authorities said Friday.

Tryan Smith was charged with third-degree assault, a misdemeanor, following a complaint filed by Kelly. Smith was ordered to appear in court on Dec. 7. The charge is punishable by up to one year in prison.

Last week, Kelly sued Jay-Z for \$75 mil-



Morale booster: The Blue Angels take flight at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., on Friday during an air show. Officials at Pensacola Naval Air Station, where the precision flying team is headquartered, hope the two-day show will boost morale at the base and among its neighbors in Florida's western Panhandle. The area was hit hard by Hurricane Ivan earlier this year. "This is a big thing," said resident Diana Hartley of the show. "It's like we're going to be back again. It means a lot. Pensacola's a great place to live."

lion, alleging the rapper used violence to after more than two years of intermittent force Kelly off their national tour.

Business

Disney labor dispute: Union officials repesenting 40 percent of Walt Disney World's 52,000-person work force asked a mediator to help them reach a contract with the company after a third proposal was rejected by members who also authorized a strike, if necessary.

Federal mediator Conrad Bowling planned to meet Monday at an Orlando hotel with Disney officials and leaders of the six unions that make up the Service Trades Council Union. The council's mem-bers Thursday rejected a contract proposal, for the third time, by a vote of 3,686 to 2,827

Opponents of the contract proposal said the wage increases weren't enough to offset hikes in the cost of health insurance

World

lvory Coast violence: Frightened foreigners kept packing into Ivory Coast's international airport Saturday to be evacuated home, despite promises by President Laurent Gbagbo's government to protect them after a surge of anti-Western violence.

France, the West African nation's colonial ruler, and other countries have flown out more than 3,300 foreigners - including Americans - since Wednesday, embassy officials said, in what they expect will be one of the largest evacuations from Africa in

post-independence times.

Gbagbo's office issued a statement late Friday urging foreigners to stay, saying it was taking steps to assure their safety. But civil war, many Westerners were skeptical of Gbagbo's assurances.

Haiti corruption probe: Haiti's interim prime minister said Friday that he is seeking a warrant against ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide amid allegations of corruption

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said he asked Justice Minister Bernard Gousse to "issue a warrant against Aristide '

"It's something that should have been done a long time ago," Latortue told reporters at a news conference announcing the opening of the commission to investigate corruption

It wasn't immediately clear whether officials planned to arrest Aristide on possible charges or detain him for questioning. It also was unclear whether such a warrant would be viable in South Africa, where Aristide is living

1999 Russia apartment bombing: A suspect in a 1999 apartment-building bombing that killed 64 people and helped trigger Moscow's renewed military campaign in Chechnya was brought to Russia on Saturday after being arrested in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, authorities said.

Magomed Salikhov is suspected of help-ing organize the attack in the Dagestani city of Buinaksk - one of four apartment-house blasts that Russian authorities cited as a reason to renew their military campaign in Chechnya

Salikhov was detained in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, on Friday, Dagestani police spokeswoman Anzhela Martirosova said. Stories and photos from The Associated Pres:

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Impact of dollar's decline starting to be felt

Euro's strength makes off-post shopping seem less attractive

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

The recent drop in the dollar's value against the euro is hitting many people below the belt - in their wallets, and even in their

The dollar's decline is forcing many Americans living in Europe to change their shopping, dining

and even travel habits.
"It's terrible, it's bleak," said Sgt. 1st Class Alexie Rogers of the 26th Area Support Group in Heidelberg, Germany, lamenting the dollar's downward slide "These days I really have to budget and limit my spending off hase

The strong euro has discouraged many military members, such as 1st Lt. Dorian Hatcher of the 71st Corps Support Group in Bamberg, Germany, from eating out on the economy.

"I stay on post more now than I used to," Hatcher said. "If you go out to a local restaurant, you're going to have to pay more, but you get used to it.

went to Burger King the other day, and my order came out to \$6.75," Hatcher said. "I gave them 5 euro and got change

Since its historic peak in July 2001, when the euro was worth only 84 U.S. cents, the dollar has decreased in value to an all-time low last week, when a euro cost about \$1.30.

The euro itself didn't become an actual currency until January 2002, but exchange rates for many existing European currencies had been pegged to the rate since January 1999. So the dollar's exchange rates for lire, deutschmarks, drachmas, francs and pesetas in those three years changed according to the value of the euro

And since the euro's physical arrival, the dollar has consistently been dropping in value.

As a result, the Naples Navy Exchanges have seen a small increase in business, according to an e-mail to Stars and Stripes, because "high prices out in town have made shopping [at the exchangel attractive

AAFES, on the other hand, doesn't think that the declince has increased its business much. AAFES Europe spokeswoman Debbie Byerly wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes that though they've also seen a slight increase in business, they won't attribute it to the dollar's drop.
"Much can be attributed to

large troop deployments and redeployments, both [of] which cause large sales spikes," she wrote. "Recent store expansions and renovations, such as the new mini-mall at Aviano, increase sales through customer satisfaction and improved convenience. as well as expanded stock assort-Customers also differ on wheth-



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Gaining strength

For the past six months, the euro has been gaining strength against the dollar. Twelve months ago, it took \$1.19 to buy 1 euro. Today, it takes \$1.33 to buy 1 euro, an 11 percent gain. A look at the euro rate since Jan. 1.



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

er the dollar affects their exchange shopping habits

Walking out of the Heidelberg PX last week, Rogers bought his wife a new pair of \$49 suede

This is a prime example," he said, holding up the bag of shoes.
"Usually, I'd be looking off base for something like this, and the PX would be my second or third option. Now, it's pretty much the only option

Sgt. 1st Class Jody Schroeder, with the 1st Personnel Command, got to Europe in August. "We really haven't been here

long enough to notice the differ-When he and his wife wanted to buy some new furniture they looked on base and off, and ulti-

mately hought off base "We always eat off base," said the father of four. But he knows living on base keeps his paycheck

"I've got friends at work who check the exchange rates almost daily to time when they should pay rent or utilities or other bills," he said.

But those who shop for special items that they can't get at the ex-change will continue to fork over more-expensive euro for these products

"It really has had no effect on me," said Capt. Stephen Leonard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Corps Support Group "There are certain things I get off post, like European foods and auto parts, that I will continue to buy off post." Family member Nicole Hol-

land, from Company B, 82nd Engi-neer Battalion, said the surging euro hasn't stopped her from shopping off post, but she has noticed the rising rates at the ATM.

"It's discouraging when you have to spend more money, but it really hasn't affected how much I shop off post," she said. "I do a lot of shopping downtown, and get all my produce on the economy. You really notice it when you take money out of the ATM to pay your phone bill. That's painful.'

The shoe-shopping Rogers is feeling the pinch in other ways, too. Avid travelers since they first moved to Europe four years ago, Rogers and his wife haven't taken a trip in more than year.

"It's too expensive," he said "I'm just glad we live in base housing. The folks who live off base are the ones really feeling the

Military members overseas are

given a cost-of-living allowance based on their pay grades, years of service and number of family

The allowance, according to the DOD Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web site, is designed to "equalize purchasing power between members overseas and their [U.S.-based] counterparts." About 320,000 military members in 600 overseas locations receive a cost of living allowance.

But the money only goes so far. Last December, a married E-7 without children in Naples, Italy, received \$980.12

This November the same chief petty officer is expected to re-ceive about \$1,125 based on today's COLA rate. If he had two dren, he'd receive about

Charles Ragland is one of those who lives off base and doesn't receive a military cost of living al-lowance. A retired DODDS principal, Ragland said his rent has gone up by about \$300 a month because of the dollar's nose dive.
"It's killing me," he said. To cut
costs, Ragland said he doesn't eat

out as much and shops more on

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Rate woes could cost military BY TERRY BOYD

Experts:

BAUMHOLDER, Germany - For soldiers, sailors, Ma-rines and airmen living overseas, the near-record decline of the dollar's buying power is far more than a historical footnote. It's day-to-day reality.

"It's a terrible situation for Americans living overseas," earning dollars, but making purchases or paying bills in foreign currencies, said Michael L. Levy, a Vancouver, British Columbia-based currency ana-

Americans in Europe have lost 30 percent of their buying nower during the two-year decline against the euro, for example, only slightly offset by cost-of-living adjustments, said Levy, executive vice president of Custom House Global Foreign Ex-change, North America's largest independent currency bro-

Since December 2003, the South Korean won's value rose by about 8 percent against the dollar as of early November. Ja-pan's yen has risen by about 1.2 percent; the British pound 4.12

And there's no end in sight,

The cost of living overseas is becoming so great that it may have an adverse affect on the U.S. military, according to F. Trenery Dolbear Jr., the Clin-ton S. Darling professor of economics at Brandeis University International Business School in Roston

There may simply come a point where U.S. personnel can't afford to live in expensive places and [then] make a decision to get out," Dolbear said.

Though the Bush administration has proposed a major draw-down of U.S. forces in Europe. the United States still will have a sizable presence in Germany, as well as at NATO commands across Europe and in Turkey.

If the dollar keeps falling, the Department of Defense may have to provide additional fiincentives, COLAs, to convince people to live in expensive places, Dolbear said

Why does no one want to buy U.S. dollars right now? It boils down to too many of them floating around

The main problem the U.S. economy — and, by extension, the dollar — faces is that the federal government is spending more than it's taking in — a lot more, to the tune of a \$4.2 trillion national debt.

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Sgt. Luis Scheker, 28, of the 601st Cavalry Support Detachment, reaches for a tool while working on the engine of an 0H-58 Klowa Warrior from Troop E of the 1st Armored Division's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment at Forward Operating Base MacKenzie near Samarra, 1raq. He is one of about 400 soldiers who will have to leave Europe next year when the 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division lose their 0H-58s to the Nawaii-based 25th Infantry Division and the New York-based 10H Mountain Division



One OH-58 Kiowa Warrior rests on the tarmac, foreground, while a second spools up its engine for a test run at Forward Operating Base MacKenzie. The cavalry unit eventually will receive an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to replace the Kiowa Warriors' eye-in-the-sky capability.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 W. Lance Johnson, 29, an OH-58 Kiowa Warrior pilot, inspects the gun mount on his helicopter. Johnson said the move from Europe will be a little disappointing. "But I'm going to Hawaii afterward, so that made the pain a little more bearable." he said.

Kiowas fly into the sunset

Europe's OH-58 helicopters soon to be sent to stateside units, leaving some soldiers nostalgic

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Strines

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MACKENZIE, Iraq — Europe is about to see the last of its work-horse air scouts, the OH-58 Kiowa Warriors.

As part of its 2002 aviation transformation plan, the Army is transferring the 1970s-vintage reconnaissance helicopters from cavalry units in heavy divisions such as the Germany-based 1st Infantry and 1st Armored divisions to beef up 0H-58 squadrons

It's a part of the larger plan to reorganize divisions into brigades-sized "units of action."

This spring, the 1st AD's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavaly Regiment will pack up its Kiowas, based in Büdingen, Germany, and ship them back to the United States. The 1st ID's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's birds will be wrapped up and shipped to the States when the division's yearlong deployment to Iraa ends late this winter.

"There are a lot of us that have kind of grown up in the cavalry units. We're a family," said Maj. Michael McCurry, 37, of Mountain Home, Idaho, the 1/4 Cavalry's deputy squadron commander. "It's a sad moment for those of us who have cut our teeth

hat way. "It's the end of an era"

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The job of the small, fast OH-58s is surveillance, using a mast-mounted "eye" above its main rotor. The system includes a heat-imaging sensor, television camera, laser range finder and optical boresight system, according to the private defense Web site globalsecurity.org.

But the Kiowas also can carry a 50-caliber machine gun, rockets or missiles. The 1/4 Cavalry has found them useful in combat to flush out hidden pockets of insurgents or chase and destroy enemy trucks.

The unit has awarded 15 combat Air Medals to Kiowa Warrior pilots, including five with valor, said Capt. Nathan Springer, the squadron's personnel officer. One pilot — Chief Warrant Officer 3 Almous Irby, 36, of Neptune, N.J. — has earned two valor awards.

After they are shipped stateside, the helicopters will be reconditioned. Most will then beef up the Kiowa Warrior fleets of two light-infantry divisions: the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

In late spring, Troops D, E and F of the two cavalry squadrons will case their colors for the last time and be deactivated. Almost all of their 400 personnel will scatter to stateside units.

That's tough news for Chief Warrant Officer 2 W. Lance Johnson, 29, of Brookeville, Md., a pilot with 1/4 Cavalry's Troop D, whose Germany tour started just a few weeks before the unit flew to Iraq. He'd been looking forward to sightseeing in Europe.

"It's a little disappointing," he said. "But I'm going to Hawaii afterward, so that made the pain a little more bearable."

While most pilots have been given their next duty assignments, the enlisted personnel have no idea where they'll be going. They are eager to find out.

"Usually in the military, everything's planned out so far in advance," said Sgt. Luis Scheker, 28, of Kissimmee, Fla., a Kiowa Warrior mechanic in the 601st Cavalry Support Battalion, which is also affected by the move.

"In the [OH-]58 community, it's pretty much chaos — controlled chaos."

For a time, the reorganization will leave division cavalry units without any eyes in the sky.

"It takes away a really good, integral capability

that the squadron commander has now," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael Nelson, 46, of Columbus, Ohio, and the 1/4 Cavalry's flight operations officer. "They lose their eyes out forward. That's the premise of the mission."

Later, though, the cavalry unit will add an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle platon. The radio-controlled aircraft is equipped with a camera that can fly high and quietly, McCurry said, without putting pilots at risk, all advantages over the aging Kiowas. But, he acknowledged, it is not a perfect replace-

ment.

"When you're looking through a UAV [camera] feed, it's like looking through a straw," he said. "The UAV is never going to be able to replace the living, thinking, breathing pilot who has 360-degree situa-

tional awareness."

Pilots and soldiers in the 1/4 Cavalry's air wing

are philosophical about the loss of their unit.

"It's a sign of things to come," said Chief Warrant
Officer 3 Greg Koch, 35, of Cheyenne Wells, Colo, a
Troop D pilot. "I think it'll be a more efficient use of
helicopters in the Army, with the new unit struc-

"I'll just turn a wrench somewhere else," Staff Sgt. Max Cerna, 25, of Elmward Park, N.J., a Troop F mechanic, said with a shrug. Sgt. 1st. Class Norris Wrenn of Troop E is a hit

Sgt. 1st Class Norris Wrenn of Troop E is a bit more nostalgic.

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"The aircraft going away, it's like breaking up a family," said Wrenn, 38, of Hampton Va. But Capt. Dale Bond of Troop D is glad the Kio-

But Capt. Date Bond of Troop D is glad the Klowas' last cavalry mission is a combat one.

"It's sad to leave Germany, because it's such a great duty station," said Bond, 24, of Pensacola, Fla.
"But it's going to be more memorable, knowing that

"But it's going to be more memorable, knowing that you ended it like this, doing what you were trained to do."

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Capt. Dale Bond, 24, a Kiowa Warrior pilot with the 1st Armored Division's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment's Troop D. catches a few winks on the tarmac next to some of the birds.

the impact

And as bad as the exchange rate for euros has become. Ragland said he was blown away at what the dollar bought in England during a recent trip to the UK.

I couldn't believe it," he said. "It was really, really expensive That's left many looking for deals to

cheaper destinations. When Spc. Saun Norwood with the 596th Maintenance Company based in Wiesbaden, Germany, got back from Iraq this summer, he shopped around until he found a bargain all-inclusive

four-day trip to Spain for 340 euros. "I try to be frugal," said Norwood who drove to Heidelberg to shop at the PX and eat at the on-base TGI Fridays. "It's frustrating that traveling has become so expensive, but you only have so long in Europe. You just have to do it."

For many servicemembers returning from long deployments to the Middle East, the desire to travel home out-

weighs the dollar's decline. "We had more business than last year," said Herbert Blesinger, owner of ABC Travel in Germany. "All the time in wartime, I've noticed that our business goes up. Soldiers who are coming back to Germany [from downrange] want to go to the States to visit their fam ily there. This has led to an increase in business for the travel industry here."

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Euro: Feeling Dollar: No end seen to dollar's decline

The federal government's operating budget deficit - the difference between what the government spends and what it is taking in - is about \$450 billion, 44 percent of which is financed by Asian investors, mostly in Japan and China, Levy said.

Foreign governments are covering that gap by buying U.S. government securities - buying American debt in exchange for a guaranteed return on that investment

On top of a federal operating deficit, there's a huge current account deficit of about \$600 billion, Levy said. That's the difference between the dollars flowing out of America in purchases of tennis shoes, clothing and electronics, for example, and the money flowing back in from the sales abroad of American-made goods

With the current account deficit "hasically foreign governments are keeping the ball rolling by buying our debt," Dolbear

So what does the future hold? Each expert interviewed by Stars and Stripes prefaced his remarks with the caveat, "Any-thing can happen." And certainly there are infinite variables that can affect the value of the dollar.

Some variables, like the Bush administration's desire to make \$1.85 trillion in tax cuts permanent, could hurt if those cuts further inflate the operating deficit.

American products priced in dollars will be a better bargain and U.S. exports should rise, "but that happens very slowly. That's not going to bail us out." Dolbear said.

Interest rate hikes could help, luring dollars from overseas, Levy said. But lower interest rates are good for people living in chases, such as cars or appliances.

All experts consulted by Strines agreed that if any measures could cause the dollar to reverse course, it would be the Bush administration making significant inroads at reducing the operating deficit.

"But it's not the design of this administration to change the way things are going, Levy said

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For the forese able future, the tion is happy with the dollar's decline because it provides a built-in discount when paying back government deht while boosting U.S. exports, the experts said

The government is quite content to let the dollar drop at least till there's a lot hurting and

screaming goes on." said Terry Joyce, vice president, head of foreign exchange marketing at Birmingham, Ala.-based Regions Financial Corp.

Europe is hurting the most, with the dollar depressing sales of goods for economies, particularly Germany's, that are seeing low growth and low consumer confidence, said Joyce and others.

Foreign governments and trade and financial institutions might begin putting diplomatic and economic pressure on the Bush administration to change its weak dollar policy. The rise of the euro against the

dollar has been "brutal" and "unwel-come," Jean-Claude Triche, president of the European Central Bank said this

month according to news reports. Japan and China own about 44 percent of the U.S. deficit. With the dollar dropping, "at what point do these investors say they don't want to buy more U.S. debt?" Levy said. Or, he added, will they be content to try to make up the shortfall by sell-

ing finished goods?

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Moreover, inves-tors in the Middle East and Asia seem to be diversifying their holdings Jovce said. Investors looked to the dollar for shelter in turbulent economic times, Dolbear said. 'Now they seem to be looking at the

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chance of the dollar dropping further over the long haul

Joyce said he sees little chance of the dollar returning to parity with the euro over the next two years. Levy sees some good news on the hori-

zon in the form of a "quite significant correction" in the value of the dollar, "possibly as much as 10 percent.'

But, said Levy and others, sooner or later, the dollar will resume its fall if neither the American consumer nor the Bush administration changes spending habits.

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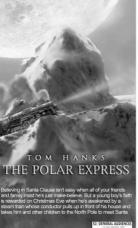


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Above: There were plenty of medals given out Saturday for athletes competing in the Special Olympies track meet at Aviano Air Base, Italy, Right: Three members of the Aviano Air Base fire department run along with Christian Vadori, second from left, and Onorio Cavaliari, second from right, during a 50-meter competition at the Special Olympics meet Saturday at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Special Olympics draws volunteers, athletes to Aviano

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — There's a common sports saying: You can't tell the players without a program.

There weren't any programs on hand Saturday as Aviano Air Base hosted a Special Olympics track and field meet. And they would have had to be printed in both English and Italian if there were.

But not having a program didn't seem to be a problem for the two dozen or so players. Athletes moved from station to station, competing in seven different events and gathering high-fives and cheers along the way. They also gathered medals afterward.

Just about everyone among the 250 or so on hand had one thing in common: smiles.

"I could be sleeping, but that's not important," said Tech. Sgt. Rayshawnda Davis, one of about 170 volunteers from the base who turned out to help.

Davis handed athletes "javelins" that looked suspiciously like handles for long feather dusters — minus the feathers.

"It's a good volunteer opportu-

nity. Plus I like the kids," she said.

Organizers say they didn't have much trouble getting a good turnout of volunteers.

"I think Special Olympics is just a natural draw," said Master Sgt. Geoff Kerr. "We never have any trouble getting people out for this. Other events ... it's like pulling teeth."

The athletes participated in the 50- and 100-meter dashes, standing long jump, Frisbee toss, softball shot put, the feather-duster javelin and soccer kick.

Master Sgt. Garth Meade, the chief organizer, said the events are among those sanctioned by Special Olympics. All were held on or inside the base's outdoor track, so organizers needed some help from the weather. They got it — no rain.

Meade said the event was originally targeted for September, but other considerations pushed it

"It's perfect today," he said, looking at the snow-capped mountains a few miles from the track. "Otherwise, we were just going to have to wait until March or April."

Meade said the ominous clouds



Tech Sgt. Rayshawnda Davis, left, watches as Giulano Faudt tosses a javelin-like broom stick Saturday during the Special Olympics track and field event held at Aviano Air Base, Italy. At center is an unidentified Italian who accompanied the Special Olympians.



did keep the number of participants lower than hoped. A contingent of athletes from Trieste didn't make the trip due to weather concerns.

That left the Pordenone contingent from the Associazione Nazionale Familia Fanciulli Subnormale alone on the field

That also meant there were

teers for every Italian participant.

"We had over 100 volunteers sign up within a couple hours," said Vickie Jo Ryder, the volunteer coordinator on base. About 40 of those were members of an Airmen Leadership School class and 20 more are members of the high school JROTC. The rest

came from units all over the base

Meade's hope is that future events will draw similar participation from Italian communities. In addition to Trieste, he said groups from Udine and to the south and west also would be wel-

"Our vision is to bring [groups from] most of northern Italy here," he said.

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Officials: U.S. forces have occupied Fallujah

Iragis say terror leader al-Zargawi escaped

The Associated Pres

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. military officials said Saturday that American troops had now "occupied" the entire city of Fallujah and there were no more major concentrations of insurgents still fighting after nearly a week of intense urban combat.

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A U.S. officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fallujah was "occupied but not subdued."

Artillery and airstrikes also were halted after nightfall to prevent mistaken attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces who had taken up po-

sitions throughout the city.
Iraqi officials declared the operation to free Fallujah of militants was "accomplished" but acknowledged the two most wanted figures in the city — Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zaragwi and Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi — had escaped.

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U.S. officers said, however, that resistance had not been entirely subdued and that it still could take several days of fighting to clear the final pockets.

The offensive against Fallujah killed at least 24 American troops and an estimated 1,000 insurgents, and rebel attacks elsewhere —especially in the northern city of Mosul — have forced the Americans to shift troops away from Fallujah.

Exploiting the redeployment, insurgents stepped up attacks in areas outside Falluiah, including a bombing that killed two Marines on the outskirts of the former rebel bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Military activity also surged along the Euphrates River valley well to the north and west of Baghdad, with clashes reported in Qaim on the Syrian border and in Hit and Ramadi, nearer to the capital.

A series of thunderous explosions rocked central Baghdad after sunset Saturday, and sirens wailed in the fortified Green Zone, which houses major Iraqi government offices and the U.S. Embassy.

There was no immediate explanation for the blasts, but the Ansar al-Sunnah Army later claimed responsibility for firing several rockets at the zone. The claim's authenticity could not be

A car bomb exploded on the main road to Baghdad airport, and there was fighting near the Education Ministry in the heart of the capital Baghdad's international airport was ordered Saturday to remain closed to civilian traffic for a further 24 hours, according to government adviser Georges Sada.

The airport was closed for 48 hours under the state of emergency imposed last Sunday and has remained shut under a series of one-day extensions ever since.

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At least four people were killed and 29 wounded, police said, dur-

ing a U.S. airstrike on rebels and clashes Saturday in the Abu Ghraib suburb of western Baghdad. One Iraqi was killed and 10 wounded in fighting between U.S. troops and insurgents in the northern city of Tal Afar.

As a prelude to the Saturday assault, a U.S. warplane dropped a 500-pound bomb on an insurgent tunnel network in the city, CNN embedded correspondent Jane Arraf reported.

U.S. officials aimed Saturday's attack at finishing off the last pocket of significant resistance in Fallujah. Next was a planned house-to-house clearing operation to find boobytraps, weapons and guerrillas still hiding in the

In Baghdad, Iraqi National Security Adviser Qassem Dawoud proclaimed the Fallujah assault — code-name Operation Al-Fair, or "Dawn" — was "accomplished" except for mopping up "evil nockets which was are deal.

"evil pockets which we are dealing with now."

Despite the evident military success in Fallujah, U.S. commanders have warned that the insurgency in Iraq will continue—evidenced by the recent spike in

violence in central Iraq.

The U.S. command withdrew one battalion of the 25th Infantry Division in Fallujah and returned it to Mosul after insurgents attacked police stations, bridges and government buildings Thursday in clashes that killed 10 Iraqi troops and one U.S. soldier.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,170 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, acording to an Associated Press count. At least 903 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civil-

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Fri-

day at 10 a.m. EST.

The latest deaths reported by

the military:

One soldier was killed Friday in an attack on a patrol in

southern Baghdad.

One soldier was killed
Thursday by small arms fire in

Mosul.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Navy Petty Officer Third Class Julian Woods, 22, Jacksonville, Fla.; killed by hostile fire Wednesday in Fallujah; assigned to 3rd Marine Division Detachment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaheohe Bav. Ha-

■ Marine Cpl. Theodore A. Bowling, 25, Casselberry, Fla; killed Thursday in Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mrmy Staff Sgt. Sean P. Huey, 28, Fredericktown, Pa; died Thursday in Habbaniyah when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

■ Army Spc. Thomas K. Doerflinger, 20, Silver Spring, Md; killed by small arms fire Thursday in Mosul; assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Com-

bat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Marine Lance Cpl. Justin

D. Reppuhn, 20, Hemlock, Mich.; killed Thursday in Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Light Armored Recomnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Cpl. Peter J. Giannopoulos, 22, Inverness, Ill.; killed Thursday in Babil province; assigned to Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th

Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago.

■ Marine Cpl. Romulo J. Jimenez II, 21, Miami; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine 1st Lt. Dan T. Malcom Jr., 25, Brinson, Ga.; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marine Lance Cpl. Erick J. Hodges, 21, Bay Point, Calif; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif

Marine Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Pickering, 20, Marion, Ill.; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Ill Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Horneii

■ Marine Staff Sgt. Gene Ramirez, 28, San Antonio, killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army Pfc. Dennis J. Miller, Jr., 21, La Salle, Mich.; died Wednesday in Ramadi when a grenade struck his tank; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey,

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Abraham Simpson, 19, Chino, Calif.; killed Tuesday in Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton,

Marine Sgt. David M. Caruso, 25, Naperville, Ill.; killed Tuesday in Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune,

Marine Cpl. Joshua D. Palmer, 24, Blandinsville, Ill.; died Monday in a non-hostile vehicle accident in Anbar province; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Portland,



Iragis observe the aftermath of a car bomb aimed at an Iragi National Guard convoy in Mosul on Saturday.







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U.S., Iraqi forces round up insurgents in Tikrit

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MACK-ENZIE, traq — Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1.18, working with local Iraqi National Guardsmen and police, have picked up 30 alleged insurgents and more than 60 weapons during a series of raids in and around Tikrit over the last two weeks, according to a Task Force Danser news release.

During operations called Mandarin Squeeze, Tangerine Pinch and Mustang Flex, the units searched about 900 houses in

Raids net more than 60 weapons as attacks continue in city

northern Tikrit and the neighboring villages of Umkashafa and Abu Toma. The release said the raids targeted financiers, weapons dealers and insurgents funded by Mohammed Al-Hadoshi, Saddam Hussein's person-

al secretary, who has not been captured.

The soldiers also handed out about 200 job cards, entitling the recipient to a general labor job in the Tikrit Job Corps for six months.

Although it is Saddam's hometown, Tikrit has been relatively peaceful com-

pared to other parts of the restive "Sunni Triangle" patrolled by the 1st ID-led Task Force Danger

During October, five insurgent attacks in Tikrit wounded four Americans and seven Iraqi soldiers or contractors. That compares with 19 attacks that killed four and wounded 38 in Baqouba, a city patrolled by the 1st ID's 3rd Brigade, according to Task Force Danere statistics.

Insurgents have remained active as Ramadan reached its climax late last week and the battle in Fallujah continued. The Danger sector, a West Virginia-sized area north of Baghdad, received 54 attacks by mortar, rocket, bomb and gunfire late Wednesday and Thursday, according to intelligence reports received by the task force's 1st Squad-

ron, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

That was the most of any day since 1st
ID took over the zone in March, topping
the previous high set the day before.

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ourtesy of the U.S. Arm

Servicemembers in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Internet cafe at Camp Scania, south of Baghdad, can access the Internet, voice-over-Internet phones or Web cams to communicate with friends and family back home. The computers will be getting a series of updates in the coming months.

Café computers to be updated

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq—In response to reports of unauthorized downloads and the introduction of viruses to Morale, Welfare and Recreation computers in Iraq, officials in charge of Internet cafes on U.S. bases here have changed the way some will function.

The Space and Naval Warfare Command in Europe, which supports 178 Internet cafes in Iraq, is also upgrading its service to give users better service and lower-cost, voice-over-Internet calls, according to the command.

SPAWAR is cloning Internet café computers across the country, making them identical. In the process, the technicians will also limit access to unauthorized sites, and change the way some computers download and upload data.

Users will be required to use memory sticks and other mini-drives through the USB port to upload and download data.

"This is to prevent unwanted materials [from] being inadvertently stored on a machine, which may affect its function," Klaus Krane, project group team leader for SPAWAR Europe, wrote in an amail.

Some locations continue to allow downloads, such as photos, but users must erase them immediately. Next month, SPAWAR will launch a new system across Iraq that will improve bandwidth and service to MWR computers.

"Due to the high customer usage and SPAWAR's desire to improve system performance, we developed a new solution which will increase the bandwidth and as a result will greatly improve system performance, increase Internet access speed and improve quality of phone calls," Krane wrote.

Using the computers

If instructions for uploads and downloads using a USB port are not posted in Internet cafes, users can contact the Space and Naval Warfare Command support office in Iraq at DNVT 302-550-0746 or commercial 240-336-0236 for

Cafés using the old service will reach the following site after logging on: www.cjtf7-mwr.net. The site describes the new system and explains how to use remaining prepaid phone account minutes.

Cafés that have made the transition will be set to the following Web site, which offers more information: http://oif.spawareurope.net/

The new system will also reduce costs to the mili-

Although all locations should still allow downloads, soldiers in at least one location have had trouble doing so, according to a letter to Stars and Stripes. SPAWAR told the soldier in question that he should still be able to download using the USB ports once the new system is in place.

Troops currently using voice-over-Internet telephones will be able to transfer or refund their unused minutes.

The new service, expected to be in place in the next several weeks, will have a 20 percent lower per-minute cost, Krane said.

SPAWAR supports Internet cafes with computers, voice-over-Internet phones and Web cams. Commands at each location determine the total number of computers and Internet center rules,

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Pakistan army: Up to 40 militants killed

The Associated Press

WANA, Pakistan — Pakistan's army has demolished several "terrorist hideouts" and killed up to 40 militants in an operation — but found no clue of Osama bin Laden's presence and failed to capture a former Guantanamo Bay prisoner accused of targeting security forces, officials said Saturday. The troops took over some mili-

tant strongholds and seized a weapons cache during this week's operation in South Waziristan to capture "foreign miscreants" and Pakistani militant leader Abdullah Mehsud, said the army's field commander, Maj. Gen. Niaz Khatak.

"Our forces this week killed an estimated 30 to 40 militants in the areas of Mehsud," Khatak told journalists flown into this tense tribal region. Islamabad is a key ally of the United States in its war on terror, and officials say hundreds of Central Asian, Afghan and Arab militants are in hiding in South Waziristan — also a possible hid-ing place of Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri. However, Khatak said they had found no clues of the presence of bin Laden or his deputies.

He said that they'd recovered only six militants' bodies, and that the operation was continuing in some areas where Mehsud and his men are believed to be on the run.

"There were about 500 to 600 foreign militants in South Waziristan when we launched the first major operation in March. Now, about 100 or so are left," Khatak said. "The rest have either been captured, or killed or they have run away."

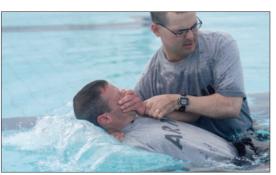
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More servicemembers being saved in Iraq



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Sgt. John Neal of the 82nd Engineer Battalion is dipped beneath the water by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dan Langston at the outdoor swimming pool at Logistical Support Area Anaconda, Iraq, during a baptism service.



BY RON JENSEN

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq — The decision danced and floated in her consciousness like a butterfly on a summer day, always bouncing, always tempting, but never touching down.

It was there for weeks —
months, even. Perhaps years.
But then Spc. Audrey Griffiths

came to Iraq. And the decision

On Friday, she stood waist-deep in the water at the outdoor pool on Logistical Support Area Anaconda and allowed Chaplain (1st 1st) Dan Langston to

Area Anaconda and allowed Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dan Langston to grasp her firmly and dunk her curls and all — beneath the surface of the cold, clear water. When she emerged, sputtering

and smiling, Griffiths, an administration specialist with the 319th Corps Support Battalion, had been baptized. She had placed her life in the hands of Christ.

"It was something I've been thinking about for a long time, but I wasn't actually able to come to a decision until I got here," said the 19-year old.

Griffiths was one of eight soldiers baptized in the short ceremony beneath an overcast Iraqi sky. Others, too, said their decision was made easier here in this country, but not, perhaps, for the reason most obvious.

Jesus was not invited into their lives and asked to forgive them because they face the possibility of dying in this stubborn war. The daily rocket and mortar attacks did not anchor that decision for

"This is such a holy place, a biblical place," said Sgt. Randy Layne, 26, a mechanic with the 158th Aviation Regiment.

It was here between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers — the land once known as Mesopotamia — that Abraham walked. Some biblical scholars believe the Garden of Eden was in this area.

Layne, in fact, had hoped to be baptized in the waters of the Tigris River, but his request was turned down.

Chaplains agree that the significance of the soldiers' reaching their decisions in this place is not related to the ongoing battle between the United States and their allies and the insurgents.

"I don't think being here in Iraq [as soldiers] has a major effect on our congregants," said Chaplain (I.t. Col.) Al Lowe, head chaplain for the 13th Corps Support Command and now deployed to Anaconda.

He doesn't think the very real chance of a scrape with mortality here is as much a factor as the troops' simply seeking a better

way for themselves.
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R.J. Gore, chaplain for the 172nd Corps Support Group, agreed with his boss.

"I don't think it happens more frequently here than it does anyplace else," he said, discounting the danger as much of a motivator for the troops' decision.

"I've seen some troops wrestle with their relationship with Christ," he said, but they were having that struggle before they came to Iraq.

Lowe said individuals come to the decision in different ways.

"Some experience the 'road to Damascus' moment and it happens — boom! — just like that," he said, a reference to the conver-

sion of the Apostle Paul.
"Others, over a long period of time, are dealing with their spiritual needs and make a slow, conscious decision. There's no one

way.
"There have been a number of Christian conversions here. I don't know how many."

Langston, a reservist who is a professor at Southwest Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, said the baptism is a public expression of the private decision made by the converts.

"We baptize them to show the decision has been made," he said before the ceremony. "This is the public commitment that 'I'm a Christian.'"

The immersion, common in the Protestant faith, he said, is a "huge object lesson." It symbolizes that Christ died, was buried and emerged again to enter heav-

The eight soldiers did that, Langston said, by going under water and emerging.

He joked, saying anyone who goes under water but hasn't given their life to Christ is "just a wet sinner."

Spc. Gwendolyn Palmer, 34, of the 302nd Transportation Company was shivering in her wet clothes after her baptism, but it might not have been the chill in the air.

"My cup is running over," she said to explain her exuberance.

For her, too, the experience of being in Iraq, a place of biblical history and significance, boosted her decision to take the plunge.

"This is the Holy Land," she said, clutching a towel around her. "This is where we came from."

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Army to get more armored Humvees for Iraq

BY ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With no sign of the Iraq insurgency ending soon, the Army has again raised its goal for replacing regular Humvee utility vehicles in Iraq with armored Humwees, the Army's top civilian official said

The extra protection is needed to shield soldiers from the insurgents' weapon of choice, the roadside bomb, as well as other small arms that soldiers are vulnerable to in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq.

Les Brownlee, the acting secretary of the Army, said in an Associated Press interview that the Army recently doubled its requirement for "up-armored" Humvees in Iraq from 4,000 to 8,000.

A Democratic member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, meanwhile, told reporters Friday after visiting U.S. troops in Iraq that he expects the insurgency to continue for some time.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said in a conference call from Kuwait that the "climate of violence" in Iraq has increased.

"It's hard to determine whether that's the last gasp or building momentum, but the incidents are

Official says hostages believed to be alive in Iraq

The Associated Pres.

PARIS — France believes that two journalists held hostage in Iraq are still alive, but authorities have lost direct contact with their kidnappers, the foreign minister said Saturday.

Reporters Christian Chesnot, 37, of Radio France Internationale, and Georges Malbrunot, 41, of the daily newspaper Le Figaro, disappeared Aug. 20 while driving to the Iraqi city of Najaf. Their Syrian driver, Mohammed al-Joundi, who also was abducted, was rescued Thursday by U.S. Marines in Fallujah. Marines said al-Joundi told

Marines said al-Joundi told them he was separated from the journalists a month ago and had not seen them since.

Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said Paris did not know whether all three were together or separated until hearing the driver's account.
"We do not have direct contact

with the group that kidnapped Christian Chesnot [and] Georges Malbrunot," Michel Barnier told Europe-1 radio. "The situation in Iraq is extremely complex, difficult, dangerous."

The French government has

The French government has been extremely tightlipped about its efforts to free the hostages, saying secrecy is essential for the men's safety and the success of any negotiations.

Official: 8,000 up-armored vehicles will be in Iraq by March

up," he said, adding that it seems the insurgents have the will to continue fighting despite getting routed in Falluiah.

"My sense is there's still a lot of fight left in the insurgents," Reed said.

"There are plenty of resources in terms of financial resources flowing to them."

Brownlee said that at the current production rate of 450 a month he believed the Army could meet the goal of having 8,000 armored Humvees in Iraq by March 2005.

He did not say how many already are there, but he said the goal of 4.000 was met in Septem-

In May 2003, after the fall of Baghdad but before it was clear to U.S. officials that an insurgency was developing, the Army had 235 armored Humvees in the country and they were being produced at a rate of 15 per month,

By September, the requirement was raised to 1,000. Brownlee said the Army also is adding armor to its truck fleet because soldiers in supply convoys are often attacked by insurgents. He said this was an illustration of how much more deadly the insurgency has proven to be than anyone in Washington believed possible in 2003.

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"Nobody anticipated that we'd have to do that."



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IN THE WORLD

Life after Arafat: Palestinian election on horizon

Current prisoner Barghouti may run for president against interim leader Abbas

By JAMIE TARABAY The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank - Palestinian officials began work Saturday on charting a future without Yasser Arafat, promising to hold elections by Jan. 9 to replace their deceased leader and expressing hope for new peace moves in the region.

In a decision that could signal the start of a spirited campaign, jailed Palestinian uprising leader Marwan Barghouti will run for the presidency of the Palestinian Au-thority in the elections, a person close to Barghouti said Saturday. Many analysts believe Barghouti would have the best chance of unifying disparate Palestinian factions, reining

violence and possibly restarting peace efforts with Israel However.

Barghouti currently is servmultiple life terms in an Israeli prison after being convicted of involvement in

attacks that killed four Israelis and a Greek monk

Arafat's death Thursday raised speculation Israel might release Barghouti in a goodwill gesture, but Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom ruled that out

"He will remain in prison for the rest of his life, because he's a murderer, because he's responsible for the killing of so many" innocent people, Shalom said Thursday.

Arafat was buried Friday in the compound where he spent his last years as a virtual prisoner. On Saturday, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia prayed at Arafat's marble and stone tomb with former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, the newly elected head of the PLO. The two men, who appear to be working out a split leadership arrangement, walked away from the tomb arm in arm.

Hours after the Palestinian leader was laid to rest. President Bush said he saw "a great chance" to create an independent Palestinian state. British Prime Minister Tony Blair joined Bush in pledging to mobilize global support for Middle East peace efforts

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier told Europe-1 radio Saturday that an independent Palestinian state should be created as soon as possible, even with "temporary borders, and he called on the United States and Europe to work urgently toward brokering Middle East peace.

"I'm saying to the American administration, to President Bush, to the Israelis and to the whole world. 'Now is the period where we should be more serious," Qureia said. "If we are determined to do it, we can do it in a very short

A senior Palestinian aide, Yasser Abed Rabbo, said Saturday that Palestinian leaders were committed to holding a vote to replace Arafat within two months, as required by Palestinian law. Some of

liament to choose a leader.

Saeb Erekat appealed to Bush to "make sure we have free and fair

ficials had toyed with allowing par- presidential elections in 60 days."

"If elections are obstructed by Is-Palestinian Cabinet Minister raeli occupation, this will be the path of more chaos," he said. "We have a historic moment, Mr. Presi-

Palestinian Foreign Minister Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath welcomed Bush's "willingness to invest more time and more authority and more influ-ence in getting this peace process



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Blaze guts mosque in Netherlands

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A mosque in the southeastern village of Helden, near the German border, was gutted by a pre-dawn fire early Saturday in what appeared to be the latest attack on an Islamic site since the killing of a Dutch filmmaker nearly two weeks ago.

There have been more than 20 incidents of fires or vandalism at Muslim buildings — and a handful of retaliatory attacks on Christian churches — since the Nov. 2 murder of Theo van Gogh by a suspected Muslim extremist.

It took firefighters around half an hour to extinguish the flames at the Helden Islamic Mosque Foundation. The building was damaged "both inside and out," police spokesman Peter Raaji said.

Police investigators suspect arson

Mohamed elAmriti, chairman of the Muslim foundation, said he arrived for morning prayers and saw smoke. The fire coincided with the end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the Eid al-Fitr Islamic feast and the mosque would have been full.

"I opened the doors and minutes later it really started burning," he said in a telephone interview. "We are all shocked and everyone is very emotional. We have cautioned everyone to remain calm, especially the youth."

The mosque's three prayer rooms, which would have been full minutes later for a Saturday service marking the end of the Muslim fast-



The badly damaged interior of a mosque is seen after a fire Saturday in Helden, the Netherlands. It was not clear if it had been set by arsonists. There have been many incidents of fires or vandalism at Muslim buildings since the Nov. 2 killing of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh by a suspected Muslim extremist.

ing month Ramadan, were "completely destroyed and are now worthless," elAmriti said. As in earlier attacks, there were no injuries. An alternative site was made available to the vil-

lage's Muslim community.

Two Islamic elementary schools were targetelast week, also in the south of the country. In the city of Eindhoven, a firebomb blew the front doors off a school. In Uden, another elementary school was seriously damaged by a fire that ripped through classrooms.

Militants say U.S. action is delaying hostages' release

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban-linked militants threatening to kill three U.N. hostages accused the United States of hampering their release, though an Afghan official said Saturday a ransom demand was the main stumbling block.

By Stephen Graham

Jaish-al Muslimeen or Army of Muslims, a spinoff of Afghanistan's former ruling militia, is publicly demanding the release of 26 Taliban suspects in exchange for the three foreign election workers, abducted more than two weeks ago.

The group says some of the men it wants freed are in American custody. But U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage opposed any concessions during a visit to Kabul earlier this week.

Mohammed Akbar Agha, the group's purported leader, said Armitage had dashed hopes the hostages could be freed before the Islamic feast of Eid al-Fitr, which began Saturday. "The negotiators from the Afghan government contacted us on Friday, and we discussed the whole situation," Agha told The Associated Press in a telephone call from an undisclosed location.

"We were hopeful that the issue would be resolved before Eid, but remarks by Richard Armitage caused some delay. We may take a final decision about their fate today."

Angelito Nayan of the Philippines, Annett Flanigan of Northern Ireland and Shqipe Hebibi of Kosovo were seized at gunpoint Oct. 28— the first abduction of foreigners in the capital since the Taliban was ousted three years ago by a U.S.-led invasion.

Jaish-al Muslimeen released a video of the three hostages, reinforcing fears that the little-known rebel group is imitating kidnappers in Iraq. But officials suspect that criminals or renegade militia forces also may have been involved.

The Afghan government and the United Nations have declined to detail their efforts to free the hostages, though one Afghan official told the AP on Saturday about the ransom demand.

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After Chernobyl, residents return despite warnings

BY MARA D. BELLABY The Associated Press

SVETILOVICHI. Belarus The signs say "Keep Out" and warn of radiation contamination, but the elderly women trudge ght past them, carrying pails to right past them, c...., fill with wild mushrooms.

Eighteen years after a reactor at Chernobyl exploded and caught fire in neighboring Ukraine, spew-

ing a cloud of radi ation that blew north and contaminated much of this ex-Soviet republic, activists warn of a new threat facing Be-larusians: Their very desire to reto normal life

Lack of information, poverty and an eagerness to put the horrors of the world's worst nuclear accident in the past have made the so-called rehabilitation of Chernobyl-infected lands a priority here overriding warnings that radia-

tion continues to contaminate this region of pine forests and farming villages.

Belarusians are foraging in the

forests for berries and mushrooms, planting vegetable gardens, and moving home to once emptied villages. Tractors till farmland and cows graze in regions under permanent monitoring because radiation levels remain above average.

"Don't talk to me about Chernosaid Raisa Stradayeva, 62, as she and her grandson, Andrusha, walked home through the rain in Svetilovichi, a village just outside one of the off-limits areas called "exclusion zones.

"I don't feel any danger, and even if I did — what would it mat-ter?" Stradayeva said. "I have to live somewhere and this is my

Critics say that Belarus' authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko — branded Europe's last dictator - is too eager to close the door on Chernobyl. which has become a protest tool of the opposition in this tightly

controlled nation of 10 million.

In the last five years, critics claim, Belarus has struck 1,000 population centers from a list of about 3,400 contaminated settlements. It has boosted regional farm production by 30 percent, cut Chernobyl-related welfare funding from 14 percent of the approximately \$3 billion annual bud get to 4 percent, and censored health statistics of rising death and cancer rates, the opponents children of the children of Chernosaid Gennady Groushevoy, head of Belarus-based advocacy group Children of Chernobyl. The health danger is reaching into a second generation ... but the government has retreated into a oviet-era attitude of silence

In all, 7 million people in the former Soviet republics of Belarus. Russia and Ukraine are believed to have suffered medi-

cal problems as a result of the April 25, 1986, accident. In Ukraine, more than 2.32 million people, including 452,000 children, have been treated radiationlinked illnesses, including thyroid and blood cancer and cancerous growths, according to Ukrainian health officials. Most villages around the plant remain

though some Ukra A sign warms of radiation nians are moving danger at the entrance to back despite govan exclusion zone in ernment warnings southeastern Belarus Sixty percent of the fallout landed

off-limits

today,

over Belarus, contaminating 22 percent of the republic - an area that was home to more than 1.5 million people. Some 125,000 families were evacuated, and large swaths of forest and farmland



Ivan Muzychenko, left, and his son, Alexander, go through buckets of freshly-picked mushrooms Oct. 20 in the village of Bartolomeyevka in Belarus. The mushrooms were gathered in a forest inside an "exclusion zone." an area still highly contaminated by the fallout from the 1986 Chernobyl accident.

were declared exclusion zones sealed by checkpoints.

It is not only Belarusians who are returning. Foreigners are coming too, mostly people from poorer ex-Soviet republics, wooed by the availability of jobs and hous

Ingar Amundsen, of the Norwe gian Radiation Protection Auth ity, which has monitored radiation levels from the Chernobyl fallout, said the biggest danger to Belarus in the immediate aftermath of the disaster was the short-lived iodine-131, which can cause thyroid cancer. But he said longer-living radioactive parti-cles, such as cesium-137, "continue to be dangerous for years" and can enter the food system through berries, mushrooms and

Yuri Kuzmich, head of Belarus' Chernobyl exclusion and monitoring zone, rejects accusations that the government is turning its back on the danger Sitting beneath a portrait of

Lukashenko, Kuzmich said his staff is doing all it can to keep people out of the most heavily contaminated areas, and provide information to those living in the surrounding region. But, he admits, not everyone is

cooperating. State-run farms "have plans to fulfill ... and they want to fulfill these no matter what," he said. Those farms need workers, and farm workers come. 'The passage of time and eco-

nomic need take their toll, said. "Human memory is short. Eighteen years might as well be

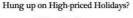
Critics claim vegetables, milk and meat from Chernobyl-contaminated regions, such as Svetilovichi, are being sold throughout Belarus. But in a nation where the average salary is about \$150, few have the option of buying imports.

Additionally, the berries and wild mushrooms, which are so plentiful in these woods, are hugely popular across the former Soviet Union. And the poor have been selling them for extra cash.

"It's hard to convey the danger because radiation isn't something people can see or smell, Kuzmich said.

Margarita Artemyeva, 44, who moved to the region from Kazakhstan, rejects allegations that Belarusian officials are taking advantage of desperate jobseekers to repopulate the area and boost agricultural production.

'I don't even think about it. I'm not scared at all. If there was a real danger, we'd know it, wouldn't we?" she said as she helped her 25-year-old daughter, Natasha, wallpaper her new home, a damp bungalow identical to its neighbors.



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IN THE STATES

Bush renews call for Palestinian statehood

BY BARRY SCHWEID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush has all but abandoned his goal of Palestinian statehood next year, onting instead to spend the next four years trying to help "a truly free state develop" alongside Israel

Politely stepping around Euro-pean and Arab demands that he plunge right into Middle East peacemaking now that Yasser Arafat has departed from the scene, Bush made clear he is in no hurry.

After all, Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Arab television network Al-Arabiya, "it would be a little hard for him to say 'And there will be one in one year, two years, three years, four years,' because it is truly up to the

Sets tough conditions for Middle East

After meeting at the White House on Friday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his ally in Iraq, Bush offered no time-- nor even a sketchy plan — for hastening Palestinian state-hood, saying, "I hate to put artifi-

cial time frames on things. "I think it is impossible to think that the president of the United States or the prime minister of Great Britain can impose our vision." Bush said.

Time is on Bush's side here. For one thing, peacemaking was already at a virtual standstill while Arafat was alive. For another. Palestinians need to hold elections to choose permanent leaders within 60 days, so their emergence would be gradual.

Also, Israel is not in a rush ei-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will plot his way according to whether Mahmoud Abbas. the new head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and other interim Palestinian leaders can impose order.

"There is a two-state solution based on the fact that they have to first stop terrorism before there is a state," Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, said in reaction to Bush's remarks. "The fact is that there is a new era now. He (Bush) is urging them to drop the Yasser Arafat legacy.

Even the goal of holding a conference with European and other leaders to develop a strategy will

Analysis

not be achieved immediately, analysts say.

"In the first four years, President Bush put the entire onus on the Palestinians and was unwilling to do much to help them. It is unclear whether that has changed," said Brookings Institu-tion analyst Martin Indyk, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel and a former assistant secretary

"On the one hand, recognizing there is an opportunity, saying he is prepared to exert his capital, which is very important," Indyk said. "On the other hand, he still made clear that the onus was going to be on the Palestinians to build democracy.

Judith Kipper, director of the Middle East Forum at the Council on Foreign Relations, said if the Palestinians have an elected president by the middle of January and can maintain a cease-fire and appoint a new and more functiongovernment, they could demand negotiations with Israel and have the support of the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia.

James Phillips, Middle East an-

said it would take months, if not years, for the Palestinians "to get their own house in order and crawl out of the hole Arafat dug for them.'

"They need to make a clean break from his disastrous legacy of terrorism, and until they do, there is little chance of genuine peace." Phillips said in an inter-

Powell expects to meet with new Palestinian leaders soon, with discussions ongoing about time and place, a senior State Department official said Friday. One option is to tack a trip to the Middle East onto one of two extensive trips that Powell already has planned the official said on condition on anonymity.

Not ruled out is having the Palestinian leaders come to Washington, though that's not considered likely, the official said.

Sharon is sending his foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, to Washington to meet with Powell on Monday to compare notes. Edward S. Walker, former U.S.

ambassador to Egypt and Israel, said he does not think Bush is ready to move on Palestinian statehood.

'He just found another reason for not moving," said Walker president of the Middle East Insti-

Cheney to undergo tests after having trouble breathing

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Vice President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart trouble was having tests at a hospital Saturday after experiencing some shortness of breath, a White House spokesman said

"On the recommendation of his doctors, the vice president is going to George Washington University Hospital for some tests, spokesman Ken Lisaius said.

"He experienced some shortness of breath Saturday morning and has had a bad cold, which could be the cause for the shortness of breath."

President Bush was notified, Lisaius said.

cardiologist, Dr. Chenev's Jonathan Reiner, was to oversee the tests

The 63-year-old Cheney has had four heart attacks, although none as vice president. He kept up a heavy travel schedule during Bush's re-election campaign, often traveling with his wife. Lynne Cheney.

Lisaius said Cheney is taking every precaution "as anyone with history should do" and is having himself checked out. It was unclear whether Cheney would be

admitted to the hospital, or would

be there only for tests.

In June 2001, he had a pacemaker implanted in his chest. At his annual heart checkup on May 11 doctors determined that the pacemaker, called an implantable cardioverter defibrillator, was working fine and never had had to assist his heart.

The device is designed to activate automatically if needed to regulate the patient's heartbeat Ahead of the fall presidential

campaign, Cheney dismissed speculation that his health might keep him from running again with Bush.

He said his health had been ood and that he could not think of any circumstances that would prompt to decline the role.

His first heart attack occurred in 1978, when he was 37. He had a second in 1984, and after suffering his third heart attack, in 1988, Chenev had quadruple bypass surgery to clear clogged arteries.

On Nov. 22, 2000, Cheney suffered what doctors called a "very slight" heart attack and had an angioplasty to open a clogged ar-

Chenev was back in the hospital on March 5, 2001, after complaining of chest pains. Doctors performed another angioplasty to reopen the same artery.



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Peterson guilty on two counts of murder

Jury must now decide if he'll get death penalty or life in prison

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. -Scott Peterson's lawyers failed to persuade the jury that someone else killed his pregnant wife. Now, they'll try to persuade the same 12 people to spare him from

the death penalty.

But Peterson himself is unlikely to take the stand and beg for - doing that would require him to admit to the murders, and throw away any chance of overturning the convictions on

Six men and six women convicted Peterson on Friday of the first-degree murder of his wife. Laci, and the second-degree murder of the fetus she was carrying. The couple had planned to name their son Conner. The jury also agreed on a "special circum-stance" that calls for capital punishment - namely that he killed another person (the fetus) while committing a felony (the intentional and premeditated killing of his wife)

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi sent them home until Nov. 22, and urged them to avoid news cover-

age of the case until the penalty phase begins. During this next stage, the defense and prosecution will present exacerbating and mitigating factors in hopes of swaying the jury's decision. The jury will begin deliberating the former fertil-

izer sales-man's fate on Nov. 30. and he sequestered again until they reach a decision.

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clusion to a case that has captivated the nation since Laci Peterson disappeared 23 months ago. Prosecutors portrayed the murders as a restless husband's cold-blooded attempt to escape marriage and fatherhood for the pleasures of the bachelor life.

Scott Peterson, 32, stared straight ahead, then looked at each of the jurors as they were polled to confirm their decisions. Serious and unsmiling, none appeared to return his gaze.

Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, sobbed, Laci's friends in the gallery cried, and loud sighs could be heard across the courtroom. As the courtroom emptied, throngs of well-wishers clapped and cheered Gwendolyn Kemple, a distant relative of Rocha, was crying and shaking,

saying, "We're just elated." Outside the courthouse it was pandemonium — roars went un from the crowd of about 1,000 with each verdict. In Modesto drivers honked their horns and others shouted with satisfaction when the news broke on television. Well-wishers descended on Laci's home, leaving notes and

Laci Peterson's family avoided the throngs by leaving through an underground parking garage, but Scott Peterson's family faced the crowds outside the front door of the courthouse. As police rushed them away, someone in the crowd booed Jackie Peterson, Scott's mother. Someone else shouted "SHE didn't kill her!"

The families, lawyers and others directly involved in the case remain under a gag order until Peterson's sentence is determined. Defense attorney Mark Gera-

gos, who was in Los Angeles when the verdict was announced, did not disclose whether his client plans to appeal.

The verdicts came after a little more than seven hours of deliberation by the final 12 jurors, following a five-month trial and a chaotic final week. The judge removed two jurors for reasons that have not been publicly disclosed.

Prosecutors said Scott Peterson killed his 27-year-old wife in their Modesto home on Dec. 23 or Dec. 24, 2002, and then drove his boat and her body 90 miles west and dumped it in San Francisco Bay.

The substitute teacher was eight months pregnant when she

Four months later, her remains and those of her fetus washed up just north of the marina where Peterson launched his fishing boat

the day of her disappearance. Police never were able to establish exactly when, how or where Laci died, but the circumstantial

evidence proved persuasive. Peterson never took the stand.

Source says education sec. plans to resign

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Educa-tion Secretary Rod Paige, whose tenure has been defined by the biggest school law in a generation, plans to leave his job, a Bush administration official says.

"The secretary has been looking at leaving, and he's been in discussion with the White House about the right time to do so," said the official, who snoke Friday on the condition of anonymity because Paige has not formally re-

The leading candidate to replace Paige is Margaret Spellings, President Bush's domestic policy adviser who helped shape his school agenda when he was the Texas governor.

Snellings has a keen interest in schools and may want the Cabinet-level education job.

White House press secre-tary Scott McClellan declined to speculate about the position.

Paige, the nation's seventh education secretary, is the first black person to serve in

CIA deputy retiring amid internal unrest

PELEGER SHRADER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON McLaughlin, who took temporary command of the CIA for three months this

year during a wave of criti cism of the spy agency, retiring amid internal conflicts.

In a statement Friday, McLaughlin, the CIA's deputy director and 32-year agency veter-



an, called his departure a "purely personal decision" and said it was time to move on to other endeav-

But former intelligence officials in touch with current agency personnel say there has been turmoil in recent weeks as new CIA Director Porter Goss tried to make changes and get settled in.

Goss, a Florida Republican who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee, brought four of his congressional aides with him to the CIA's 7th floor executive offices shortly after he took over in Sep-

But tension began before he arrived

Officials as senior as former CIA Director George Tenet fumed at legislation approved by Goss' committee and the full House that said the CIA's Directorate of Opera-

warned that without changes, the clandestine unit — the agency's most famous division - could become a "stilted bureaucracy inca-pable of even the slightest bit of success.'

Now, moves made by Goss and his aides are believed to be riling current personnel. The Washing ton Post reported in Saturday editions that Deputy Director of Operations Stephen Kappes turned in his resignation Friday following a tense meeting at CIA headquarters in suburban Virginia.

Goss and White House officials

asked Kappes to reconsider his decision over the weekend, the news-paper said. Other officials are also considering leaving.

An intelligence official reached late Friday declined to comment. McLaughlin temporarily took over the CIA in July when Tenet retired, also citing personal rea-

McLaughlin's ascension put him in line to field criticism from two reports highly critical of U.S. intelligence operations, the Sept 11 Commission report and the Senate's investigation into the flawed prewar intelligence on

President Bush decided in August to nominate a permanent replacement for Tenet and tapped Goss, who was a CIA operative during the 1960s.

Officials painted McLaughlin's decision to retire from government as a natural one: A CIA offi-cial said McLaughlin thought the period of government transition after the election was a "logical time to move on



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Airlines ordered to turn over passenger data



A Transportation Security Administration worker, left, watches a man taking off shoes at a check point in Terminal C at the Logan International Airport in Boston on Tuesday.

BY LESLIE MILLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even though the move was expected, civil libertarians are protesting a directive by the government or dering airlines to turn over personal information on their customers that can include credit card numbers and addresses and even indicate a traveler's religion.

Under the system, called "Secure Flight," the Transportation Security Administration will screen for possible terrorists by comparing passenger data with names on two government lists. The "no-fly" list comprises known or suspected terrorists, while a "watch" list names people who should face tighter scrutiny

before boarding planes.

The TSA order issued Friday gives 72 airlines until Nov. 23 to turn over computerized data for

passengers who traveled on domestic flights during June.

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The data — known as passenger name records, or PNR — can include credit card numbers, travel itineraries, addresses, telephone numbers and meal requests. The latter can indicate a

passenger's religion or ethnicity.
Barry Steinhardt, an American
Civil Liberties Union lawyer, said
a major problem is the lists include the names of many people
who are not security risks.

Among those subjected to extra scrutiny in recent months was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. The singer formerly known as Cat Stevens, now Yusuf Islam, is trying to get off the no-fly list after he was removed from a London-to-Washington flight because the list said he had

links to terrorists.

The lists are "a hodgepodge of

information, accurate and inaccurate," Steinhardt said. "They're the basement of the program, and the floor is rotten."

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The government has sought to improve its process for checking passengers since the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers exposed holes. The government's first attempt was scuttled because of fears the

government would have access to too much personal information. The TSA says Secure Flight differs from the previous plan because it does not compare personal data with commercial databas-

The agency said, however, it will test the passenger information "on a very limited basis" against commercial data.

Under the current system, the government shares parts of the watchlists with airlines, which are responsible for making sure suspected terrorists don't get on

Judge sides with Dems in Washington State governor's race

BY PEGGY ANDERSON

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Democratic Party volunteers are frantically calling voters whose provisional ballots are in dispute, urging them to make sure their vote is counted in the state's still-undecided goveror's race

The volunteers went to work Friday night after party officials successfully sued to get access to the names of 929 voters — all in heavily Democratic King County — whose ballots were questionable. They planned to keep working through the weekend. Elections officials said there names, because voters who cast provisional ballots know those ballots may need to be verified, and it's up to each voter to contact the county and make sure the vote was counted. Provisional ballots are used primarily when a voter

is not at his home precinct or if registration is in question.

King County Superior Court Judge Dean S. Lum said it would burden the county little to release the names, and that state law favors openness in government. 'No right is more precious than In tears after the ruling Friday, Democratic Party chairman Paul Berendt said volunteers would work through the weekend to contact the voters. "We're up to it," he said. "We've had hundreds of people volunteer to helb."

Every vote is crucial in the state's tight race for governor.



Doctors learning to own up to mistakes

Apologies may cut malpractice lawsuits filed

BY LINDSEY TANNER The Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's a lesson children learn even before their ABCs — say you're sorry when you hurt someone. But it's now being taught in the grown-up world of medicine as a surprisingly powerful way to soothe patients and head off malpractice lawsuits.

Some malpractice-reform advocates say an apology can help doctors avoid getting sued, especially when combined with an upfront settlement offer.

The idea defies a long tradition in which doctors cultivated a Godlike image of infallibility and rarely owned up to their mis-

The softer approach, now appearing in some medical school courses and hospital policies, is drawing interest as national attention has turned to reducing both medical errors and the high cost of malpractice insurance, which has been blamed for driv-

ing doctors out of business.
Doctors' often-paternalistic relationship
with patients is giving way to an understanding that "it's OK to tell the patient the
whole story," said Dr. Paul Barach, an anesthesiologist and patient safety researcher at the University of Miami, Itis "a huge
sea change as far as our relationships with
patients."

The hospitals in the University of Michigan Health System have been encouraging doctors since 2002 to apologize for mistakes. The system's annual attorney fees have since dropped from 53 million to \$1 million, and malpractice lawsuits and notice of intent to sue have fallen from 262



Bob Vogt, of Belleville, III., says an apology might not have stopped him from suing a doctor over a misdiagnosis in 1990 that he contends left his wife, Jean, severely disabled. But it could have saved his friendship with the physician.

filed in 2001 to about 130 per year, said Rick Boothman, a former trial attorney who launched the practice there.

Bob Vogt, a retired Cadillac dealership employee from Belleville, said an apology might not have stopped him from suing over the misdiagnosis of a brain aneurysm in 1990 that he contends left his wife severely disabled. But it might have saved his relationship with the doctor, once a close friend, he said.

"If he had come forward and not tried to conceal the thing, I probably would have had a lot better feeling," Vogt said. "You don't want them to be Godlike. They have to be willing to step up to the plate and say, I made a mistake.'"

Dr. Michael Woods, a Colorado surgeon

and author of "Healing Words: The Power of Apology in Medicine," said his own experience a decade ago illustrates the impact of the traditional way doctors have handled mistakes.

Woods was overseeing surgery to remove a patient's appendix. A medical resident accidentally punctured an artery, which led to a more extensive operation. The patient was unhappy with how Woods handled the aftermath, during one visit, Woods propped his feet up on the desk and, in her oninion, acted as if he didn't care.

Woods said he wanted to apologize, but legal advisers recommended breaking off contact with the patient when she threatened to sue.

Now a consultant to doctors and the mal-

Reasons to say 'I'm sorry'

The Associated Pres

ERRORS: Doctors who make mistakes are increasingly being urged to tell their patients they are sorry.

COST-BENEFIT: An apology can help head off a malpractice suit.

A BREAK WITH TRADITION: Doctors have long cultivated an image of infallibility and rarely own up to their mistakes to patients.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN: The say-you're-sorry movement is being driven in part by the high cost of malpractice insurance.

practice insurance industry, Woods said his research has shown that being upset with a doctor's behavior often plays a bigger role than the error itself in patients' decisions to sue.

The say-you're-sorry movement has been prompted in part by emreging evidence about the scope of medical errors. An Institute of Medicine report in 1999 said mistakes kill as many as 98,000 hospitalized Americans each year. Supporters of the strategy want the Illi-

nois Legislature to adopt a program called "Sorry Works" that recommends apologies and settlements when mistakes occur. Under the proposed pilot program, two Illinois hospitals would be recruited to see if the policy saves money. While the number of settlements would

While the number of settlements would probably increase, lawsuits and sky-high jury awards would decrease, said Doug Wojcieszak, a public relations consultant whose victims' rights group proposed "Sorry Works."

Evolution-sticker ruling could be weeks away

BY DOUG GROSS The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lawyers fighting a court challenge of evolution disclaimers on textbooks defended the warning stickers in final arguments Friday as a show of tolerance, not religious activism as some parents claimed.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper said he plans to rule "as quickly as possible" following the weeklong trial in the suburban Cobb County case. Attorneys are still filing paperwork and said any ruling was probably at least a month away.

The suit by parents and the American Civil Liberties Union claims that school officials violated the constitutional separation of church and state in 2002 when they placed disclaimer stickers calling evolution "a theory, not fact" on high school biology texts.

"The Cobb County school board is doing more than accommodating religion," Michael Manely, an attorney for the parents, argued Friday. "They are promoting religious dogma to all students."

Lawyers for Cobb County dis-

agreed, saying the school board had made a good-faith effort to address questions that inevitably arise during the teaching of evolu-

"Science and religion are related and they're not mutually exclusive," Linwood Gunn said. "This sticker was an effort to get past that conflict and to teach good science."

The schools placed the stickers after more than 2,000 parents complained the textbooks presented evolution as fact, without mentioning rival ideas about the beginnings of life.

The stickers read, "This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered."

Manely argued that scientists officially consider all of their ideas theories. "Maybe we need some more

stickers," he said, showing the judge tongue-in-cheek versions questioning gravity and Earth's rotation around the sun. Gunn said religious beliefs

make the teaching of evolution different from other science lessons. "The fact that it promulgates

"The fact that it promulgates doubt, if that's true, does not mean that it promotes religion,"



Vixen star receives museum treatment

American icon Marilyn Monroe makes the ultimate debut in a exhibit that includes more than 200 photos

BY LARRY MCSHANE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - She was Playboy's first centerfold, and Joe DiMaggio's second wife. Marilyn Monroe possessed a knack for the big splash, particularly if there was a camera nearby and it seemed there was always a camera nearby.

The actress turned enduring American icon was intoxicated by the pop of flashbulbs; during her too-short lifetime, she was photographed drinking and dining, smiling and sleeping, dressed and undressed.

The camera "was to her what water is to a fish," director Billy Wilder once said. "She exulted in it.

On Friday, more than 200 Monroe pictures from 39 photog-- including luminaries such as Richard Avedon, Gordon Parks, Robert Frank and Andy Warhol - appear at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in a new exhibit, "I Want to Be Loved by You: Photographs of Marilyn Monroe.

The photos "are timeless," said Marilyn Kushner, one of the exhibit's curators. "She died young, so she remains forever young. As time goes by, she looms larger and larger."

The exhibit traces the evolution of small-town girl Norma Jeane into sex goddess Marilyn. In a 1945 picture, the unknown 19-year-old stands alone on a Island Long

beach, leaning undisturbed over Kushner said of Monroe. "She an open parasol. A decade later, a coy Monroe

stands smiling on a Grand Central subway platform as a man to her left stares in bug-eyed disbe-

The centerpiece of the collection, owned by Leon and Michaela Constantiner, is a set of 59 Monroe pictures shot by photographer Bert Stern in the weeks before the actress' 1962 drug overdose

"The Last Sitting" features an assortment of behind-the-scenes shots of Monroe, who sipped nine-year-old Dom Perignon to create a mood. The actress posed laughing, with a diamond necklace draped across her bare shoulders, and topless behind a transparent scarf.

More than four decades her larg later, er-than-life persona still emanates from each shot, setting the bar for "blonde subsequent bombshells" from Loni Anderson to Madonna to Pamela Anderson "Her relationship with the

camera was most important one she had

saw the camera as a friend.' The most enduring image of

Monroe, her infamous photo on for "The Seven Year Itch." is well represented. There are 14 different shots of Monroe's white dress scandalously billow ing above her waist as she stood over a Lexington Avenue subway grate.

An infuriated DiMaggio stormed off during the shoot. leaving Monroe alone. Another picture from the exhibit shows a sobbing Monroe leaving in a car after announcing her 1954 divorce from the Yankee Clipper.

Monroe's Playboy centerfold, shot by photographer Tom Kelly, holds a prominent position in the exhibit, with the naked actress seduc-

tively posed atop a blanket of red velvet When a reporter asked Monroe what she had on dur-

ing the

shoot, she memorably replied, "I had the radio on " are

There dozens of other shots offering glances into

off-screen Monroe: Marilyn reading a book at



These photographs released by the Brooklyn Museum of Art, titled "Marilyn Monroe, 1953" are part of show opening at the museum Friday. The black and white photograph by Gene Kornman is one of more than 200 Monroe pictures from 39 photographers.

home, shooting craps with director John Huston, slow-dancing with second husband Arthur Miller.

While photographs make up the bulk of the exhibit, the multi-media presentation offers other rarely seen glimpses of Monroe, from a 1950 commercial for Union Oil of California to her provocative serenade of President John F. Kennedy at his 45th birthday in May 1962.

"I can now retire from politics

after having had 'Happy Birthday' sung to me in such a sweet, wholesome way," Kennedy dead-panned. Within 18 months, neither he nor Monroe would be alive.

One of the most moving pictures doesn't feature Monroe at all.

Shot by Robert Frank in 1962, it shows a woman lying on a beach beneath an American flag. She's reading the Daily News, and the giant-type head-line is clearly visible: "MARI-LYN DEAD.

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Festival celebrating female filmmakers attracts stars

BY BEN DOBBIN The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - A festival celebrating the accomplishments of women in filmmaking is drawing high-wattage stars like actress Joan Allen and director Mira Nair in the fourth year of its mission to become an East Coast niche in the movie industry.

The six-day High Falls Film Festival, which runs through Monday, is staged at theaters, cinemas and clubs around Rochester, the birthplace of motion-picture film and the hometown of women's rights crusader Susan B. Anthony.

The city's heritage makes it "just the perfect place in the world to have a festival that has programs for everybody but fo-cuses on women," Hollywood producer Catherine Wyler, the festival's artistic director, said Thurs-

"It's not going to be a festival with a market like Sundance or Toronto. From the industry point of view, our goal is to become the East Coast home for women filmmakers. And every year as the word goes out from the women who come here ... we get known in wider and wider circles. That also helps us attract the celebrities

The festival's high point will be Q&A sessions Saturday with Allen, a three-time supporting actress Oscar nominee for "Nixon," "Pleasantville" and "The Crucible"; Sally Kellerman, who played "Hot Lips" Houlihan in the 1970 movie "M*A*S*H"; and Nair, an Indian-born filmmaker whose movies include "Salaam Bombay!" and "Vanity Fair."

About 8,500 people were ex-pected to attend the festival, up from 4,000 in its inaugural year in 2001. This year's 62 independent feature-length films and doc-umentaries include "Proud." a story directed by Mary Pat Kelly and being screened for the

first time — about the all-black crew of a World War II destroyer escort

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Sunday Horoscope

ative Pluto, which could affect our love lives like a mild electric shock - just enough to make us feel the need to reaffirm that we're with the right person, treating that person the right way, or doing the right thing to attract the right person. A scintillating idea about **Holiday Mathis** work is not solid enough

vet to act on TODAY'S RIRTHDAY (November 14). Your command of your own behavior is impressive. When you tell yourself to do something, you do it and that's what makes this vear so remarkable. By next month, you'll have pulled a major goal to you. Concentrate on building a team and increasing your "fan base" in December. You'll need all

the help you can get in busy Janu-ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Friends have a way of getting under your skin - in fact, you'll contemplate going "screamo," but it's really not worth it. Cool off by engaging in activities that honor your fabulous sense of humor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're interesting because you're interested. It's your very attraction to someone that places you at the forefront of this person's mind. Though you're inclined to behave

in the way that's expected of you. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Putting yourself in the right environ ment is key to elevating your mood

only do so if it's genuine

and getting you back in touch with humanity. Go where there's the potential to be rallied socially and spiritually. Pisces people can help CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your sophisticated way of pulling people closer to you (and yet still keeping them at exactly the distance that makes you feel in charge) is most effective. It's one of the rare days you can play games and get away with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you simply can't buckle down and get busy, then be mischievous and playful instead. Lightness and fluff are exactly what is needed to keep spirits high for those around you I ook for the entertainment value in things

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What's been gestating over a period of time is now ready to be born. But you still need to make

space in your life for this new arrival. Ask for support in clearing out an area, both physically and mentally

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Someone close makes a plea for what's in his or her hest interest and not necessarily in yours. Luckily, you're wise enough to know the difference. Now, you've only got to be strong enough to

do something about it! SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You hear (ad nauseam) about the amazing accomplishments of others. There's no need to compare vourself and no benefit to be had by doing so, either. You're in a league of your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something happens that you can't control, and you'll be thankful for that! A Taurus who is on your side can help you see the opportunity in your situation. By nightfall, you'll find yourself smitten.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're feeling smug, well dressed and up to some unusual antics. There's hardly anything more attractive than a rebel on a secret mission, which is why you'll have your choice of company

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are both clever and madden ingly conservative. Friends try to persuade you into bad behavior but to no avail. Your independent streak is in full swing. No one can distract you from your focus on what needs to be accomplished

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people would find it difficult to balance 1.6 million things in their head at once, but you're not most people, and this is not like most days. Something creative and special comes out of this astound-

Be shipshape on directions

"port" and "starboard"? Why not just say "left" and "right" like the rest of us?

To those of us unfamiliar with nautical terminology, experienced sailors can seem to be speaking a different language, but words like "port" and "starboard" are not modern jargonistic inventions, created for the purpose of confounding landlubbers.

"Starboard," for example, can be traced to the Old English word "steorbord," which combines "steor-." meaning "rudder" or "steering oar," and "board" meaning "ship's side." The word refers to the right side of a ship because of an early practice of steering by means of an oar held in the water

ing mental activity.

"Port" came about later (in the 17th century) as a replacement for "larboard," which sounded too similar to "starboard" when called out as a command. The history of "port" is obscure. We don't know for sure if it evolved from the sense of "port" meaning "harbor or harbor town" or from the sense meaning "an opening in a vessel's side," but in either case we can speculate that early vessels with their steering apparatus on the right would have had reason to keep port to the left.

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For online dating interest, woman should look her best

Dear Abby: I joined an online dating service six months ago. Although my family disapproved I researched my options and found a reputable company

After two months of meet numerous nice people whom I would consider friends. Dear Abby I met a really special guy. We have been

talking on the phone and e-mailing for four months. We have never met, nor have we exchanged pictures. We wanted to get to know each other from the inside out first We have finally decid-

ed to exchange pictures. I asked a friend to take my picture and was disappointed with the results. I know I could look better. She says I'm being overly critical and shallow, that if he finds fault with the picture that I look just "OK" in, he's not worth

Shouldn't I attempt to send the best picture I can, even though he assures me that looks aren't everything? Don't I owe it to myself and to him to look good not just "OK"

- OK but not Great in Idaho Dear OK: Listen to your head

and not your girlfriend. Looks aren't everything, but they can be an asset. Go to a professional photographer and have some pictures taken with good lighting - both head shots and photos that show your figure. It's called putting your best foot forward. First impressions are important, so don't sell yourself

> Dear Abby: I am a freshman in high school. This guy I like is very sweet, but he has a girlfriend. He likes me a lot, too, but he doesn't nt anyone to be hurt so he's reluctant to break up with her. I told him I won't wait forey. er, and he told me he's trying to get her to break up with him.

He doesn't accept her

calls, doesn't take her anywhere, and has asked his friends to tell her bad things about him. She refuses to get the message.

How can we get the point across to her without hurting her more than necessary? Did I mention that he's sweet, sensi tive, caring and CUTE!

— In Love in Grand Rapids Dear In Love: He may be sweet, sensitive, caring and cute, but the boy is also too immature to realize that his unwillingness to level with his girlfriend will hurt her more in the long run than telling her the truth. Unless he speaks up, the girl will continue to hang on because she has nothing to lose. The sooner she

hurts and heals, the sooner she can begin looking for someone who will truly care for her.

Now a word of caution to you: Watch carefully how he treats this girl, because chances are great that it's the way you will be treated one day

Dear Abby: I am a nanny for twins who are now about 6 months old. I have a degree in education and specialize in preschool. Based on my experience with developmental milestones, it is quite obvious that one of the twins is hearing-impaired. I was hoping the pediatrician would notice it at their last physical, but that didn't happen. I don't know if it is my place to tell the mother, because I certainly wouldn't want to learn that my child cannot hear from the nanny. Should I let this go, or should I tell?

- Nannified in Ohio Dear Nannified: You should certainly tell the mother that you are concerned about the child, and why. Suggest that during the baby's next visit to the pediatrician she mention your observa-tion to the doctor. You are a professional, and as such your evnertise should be shared with your employer. It's the responsible thing to do.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Young wife needs to turn to therapy, not a different man

Stop worrying about your fami-

Dear Annie: I am 23 years old, married for four years and have a 19-month-old daughter. About a year ago, my husband, "Nathan," began treating me badly, calling me names, not helping around the house and not taking care of his daughter like he should. All he did was complain

and sleep.
When Nathan's attitude went downhill, I turned to his best friend, "Carl." Now Carl and I have fallen in love, and we want to be together Last weekend, he and I took a trip with my daughter. While we were away, Nathan badmouthed me to everyone in my family, and now they all hate me. They seem more concerned about his happiness than

mine or my daughter's.

What about me being miserable for over a year? They see my cheating, but not the way Nathan

treated me.

- Unhappy in Nashville, Tenn Dear Unhappy: Oh, you don't get off that easy. When a marriage satisfying, the person you ask for help is a marriage counselor, not Carl. You may have had a good reason to look elsewhere for emotional support, but it was wrong to seek comfort from another man. We also think you were subconsciously trying to punish Nathan by having an affair with his best friend

ly's opinions. You and Nathan married rather young, and you both were unprepared to deal with the realities of marriage and children. Please do not rush into another relationship. You owe it to your daughter to take the time to

Dear Annie: I am a Annie's Mailbox 13-year-old girl in eighth grade. My mom comes home from work an hour

later than I do. She leaves a list of chores. Annie, I have over two hours of homework every night. When Mom comes home, she ex pects everything to be done. I explained that I can't handle all this and I thought she under-

stood, but today she yelled at me because I wasn't changed out of my school uniform before dinner.

I have to practice my clarinet at least 20 minutes a day, and I'd love to have time to exercise or be with my friends, but forget it. I gave up TV long ago because my bedtime is at 8. I can never find time to get everything done. How am I supposed to juggle all these

- Overworked and Stressed Dear Stressed: Let's see if w can find a solution, starting with your bedtime. You are 13. Ask your parents if you can move your bedtime to 9. Then ask them to help you make a schedule. Show them how long it takes to do homework so they understand the time restrictions. Add clarinet practice and then see what's left over

You're not going to get out of the chores, but it's possible your folks could cut back a little.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Speechless," who won-dered how to tell her overweight friend "Brenda" that she isn't likely to attract good-looking men In my college days, I was athletic and attractive. There was a mousy gal who never seemed to have a social life. I often shared with her my woes about my girlfriend-du-jour. Our friendship deepened, and our group was shocked when Mousy and I be-

came engaged.

For over three decades, this woman has been my best friend and cheerleader, and she still thrills me in the bedroom. I won der what would have happened if some well-meaning friend had told her to set her sights lower - Someone's Prince Charming

Dear Prince: Kudos for being the kind of guy who is willing to look beyond the wrappings and see what's inside. You've given hope to women everywhere

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RELIGION

Spectators, bettors try to see holy future

Picking 'popeable' candidates often an unscientific pastime for Vatican watchers

VATICAN CITY - Not only is it considered unseemly to speculate about who the next pope might be, it is also against Vati-But that hasn't stopped an online Irish

bookmaker from taking bets on likely candidates

According to odds offered by Dublin-based Paddypower.com, the clear favorite at 2-1 is Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, whose appointment two years ago as archbishon of Milan was seen as an endorsement of his candidacy by Pone John Paul II. Several previous pones came from the Milan archdiocese, Italy's largest

He is closely followed by Cardinal Claudio Hummes, the Brazilian archbishop of Sao Paulo, and Nigeria's Francis Arinze. who at 3-1 lead the rest of the pack of candidates tipped to succeed history's third-longest-serving pope

After that, the field widens to include 30 "papabile." the Italian word used to describe papal candidates, which roughly translates as "popeable."

Evidently, betting on the papacy isn't new. Pope Gregory XIV made it an excommunicable offense in 1591, suggesting it has been going on for at least a few centuries

Paddy Power, spokesman for Paddy Power and the son of the company's founder, said he didn't know about the law and that no disrespect was intended.
"It's a bit of fun." he said from Dublin

where the bookmaker also runs a chain of Irish betting outlets.

"The way we think about it is, it's a bit like betting on who will be the next manager of the Irish soccer team, except that it's who next will manage the church," he said. "It would be in bad taste if we bet directly on his health. But this is something that will happen. There will be a new pope; we just don't know when. We like to take bets

on anything in the public eye."

Most recently, Paddy Power correctly called the U.S. election; the site had Presi dent Rush as the 4-7 favorite at least a month before Election Day

The question of who will fill the shoes of Pope John Paul II is far trickier, however. There are 123 cardinals eligible to vote in the conclave that will elect his successor, and all also are potential candidates. In the ory, any Catholic can be pope, though in practice cardinals always choose one of

Campaigning is frowned upon even after the death of a pope, and mere discussion of the subject by Vatican officials while the reigning pope is alive is forbidden.

Pope John Paul II, though 84 and weakened by Parkinson's disease, still has a busy schedule of audiences and masses, addresses pilgrims in multiple languages, remains active in papal affairs and has out-

lasted several former contenders Favorites traditionally fare badly, hence the Vatican saving: "He who goes into the conclave a pope comes out a cardinal.'

"There are no front-runners," said Father Thomas Reese, editor of the Catholic magazine America. "Picking names is a fool's game. Picking qualities and types is

The names on the Paddy Power list nonetheless provide a rough, if unscientific, guide to who's in and who's out in the stakes for the papacy, a subject of intense debate among Vatican watchers.

Tettamanzi is on most Vatican watchers' top 10 lists, said John Allen, the National Catholic Reporter's Vatican correspondent. But if the next pope is to be Italian, he would rate higher the prospects of Cardi-



Though it is against Vatican law and considered unseemly by some, speculation is nounting among Vatican watchers who want to know who the next pope might be. With Pope John Paul II, 84, weakened by Parkinson's disease, an online betting house in Ireland is giving odds on some of the favored contenders

nal Angelo Scola, archbishop of Venice, given odds of 12-1 by Paddy Power. "He's more charismatic and speaks several lan-guages," Allen said.

Marco Politi, the veteran Vatican watcher at La Repubblica newspaper, leans toward candidates from the developing world, home to more than half the world's Catholics. A third live in Latin America, favoring the chances the next pope will come from that region

However, fewer than 40 percent of cardinals eligible to vote come from developing countries, while Europeans account for

half giving their candidates a likely edge There's also a view that the next pope will ed to attend to bureaucratic affairs neglected by the globe-trotting incumbent, he said. That would tend to favor an Italian who could navigate the Vatican bureaucracy

Arinze - who, if elected, would become he first black pope - has long been a Paddy Power favorite, but Vatican experts say they don't rate his chances so highly because he is seen as too close to the Vatican bureaucracy

Reese won't name names, but he has come up with a list of qualities cardinals will be looking for. He will be age 62 to 72; speak English, Italian and probably several other languages; be well-traveled and cosmopolitan, and be capable of balancing the demands of traditionalists with the con-

Paddy Power, the spokesman, claims no insights into candidates' chances. He sus pects the odds are being driven mainly by natriotism: an Australian cardinal's odds dramatically improved after a local radio station launched a campaign encouraging listeners to place bets on him. Earlier this year, an English bishop denounced Paddy Power as "distasteful," prompting a flurry of bets.

About \$19,000 has been wagered so far, mostly in amounts of about \$100, Power

"There hasn't been any serious money from anyone in the know," he said. "If there was, we'd really sit up and take notice.

How spending \$2,000 on a guitar can be a good deed

BY BRIAN BOWERS Stare and Strings

A rock band, a Web site and an airman in South Korea have com bined to help raise money to build housing for orphans in Haiti Earlier this month, the Chris-

tian rock group Audio Adrenalin put a bunch of its gear up for bid on eBay to raise money to build housing at the Hands and Feet Project Children's Village

The effort raised \$34,552.43, including \$2,000 that Senior Airman Jason A. Haglund bid for an autographed Underdog guitar. Haglund is assigned to 8th Maintenance Squadron at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. The airman said the decision

started with an affinity for Audio "They are just one of the best

bands out today in the Christian music scene," Haglund wrote in an e-mail. "They truly have a

heart for God and you can just tell that they put Him first and want to glorify Him in all that they do.

all you can do.'

After learning about the auction Haglund checked the items on the Web site and fell in love with the guitar. But the idea of supporting the Grammy Awardwinning group's efforts to help the children made the deal ideal.

"That's the best thing about this auction hands down," he "The fact that 100 percent of the proceeds were going in support of the plans that the Hands and Feet Project has for the country of Haiti. ... In the end. we just pray that God looks upon it all and smiles, as we make a little part of His world a better place for all

On the Web: www.audioa.com

■ Troops in Europe will get the chance to hear some of Christian

Today's praise

music's best rockers and brightest new stars at festivals in the Netherlands and Germany next month

The lineup rivals those of many stateside festivals, with Pillar, the O.C. Supertones, Day of Fire, Project 86, Paul Coleman, Barlow Girl, Sanctus Real, Jeff Deyo and Rock & Roll Worship Circus

The Winter Wonder Rock Festival in Zwolle, Netherlands, and Christmas Rock Night in Ennepetal, Germany, will both run Dec. 3 and 4, with most of the bands switching venues from one day to the next

Individual tickets for both festivals start at 32 euros for a one-day pass and 55 for two days. Both festivals sell tickets online.

For more information on the Dutch festival, check www.win



Stacie Orrico Live in Japan

terwonderrock.nl. Unfortunately, the English version of the site hasn't been updated since the line-up was nailed down.

Information on the German fes tival can be found at www.christ masrocknight.de. This site is in German only. Ennepetal is near Wuppertal, about 120 miles north of Wiesbaden.

Fans in Japan will have to settle for remembering old concerts specifically, Stacie Orrico's swing through venues near U.S. hases last winter

The pop star just released "Stacie Orrico: Live in Japan." Filmed in Tokyo, the DVD includes the songs "Stuck," "I Promise," "Genuine," "More to Life" and "Dear Friend."

Check it out. Perhaps you'll see vourself in a crowd shot.

On the Web: www.stacieorrico.

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and ws from the contemporary Chris tian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page. F-mail Brian Bowers at-

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School tax spat

LOS ANGELES — A dox Jewish couple claimed Monday the Internal Revenue Service has unfairly refused to allow tax deductions for their children's religious schooling. Michael and Marla

Sklar claim that since Church of Scientology members are allowed to write off the cost of spiritual counseling sessions, they should be allowed to write off their children's Jewish school tuition.

The noniury trial opened Monday in U.S. Tax Court before Judge John O. Colvin

Security lawsuit

MA BOSTON — A civil rights Wednesday challenging a controversial security system at Logan International Airport that allows po-lice to stop and question people they believe demonstrate suspicious mannerisms.

Logan was the first airport in the country to launch new baggage screening practices at each terminal. In November 2002, it began the nation's first "behavioral recog-nition program," in which police stop and question passengers with odd or suspicious behavior.

The lawsuit, filed in Suffolk Superior Court by the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. comes three years after the Sept. 11 terror attacks were launched from Logan, Since then, the airport has won numerous accolades for overhauling its security system.

The process, based on a program at Israel's airports, trains police to look for behavior that is considered odd or suspicious. State police have insisted that they do not select people to question based on ethnicity or race

Chipper accident

CA SAN JOSE — A man who worked for a tree service died Sunday after his leg was sucked into a wood chipper. Miguel Marquez, 19, an employ-

ee of Arbor Science Inc. of San Jose, was working with a crew trimming trees when the accident occurred, said police spokeswoman Gina Tepoorten.

She said Marquez had apparently been trying to push some debris into the chipper with his left leg when the leg became stuck and was severed above the knee. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Pricey pooch missing

MN EDINA — Last week, Abby was just a precious family pet.

Today, she's the subject of a dog hunt involving two suburban po-lice departments and a possible felony charge.

"She's the greatest dog in the world." said Steve Brehm, owner of the diminutive 7-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel that he and his wife, Gayle, believe was stolen from their front yard last week.

Two things make Abby's abduction file different: two witnesses to the apparent abduction and Abby's original price tag of \$1,650. Theft reaches the felony level if the goods - whether a snowblower or a schnauzer - are valued at \$500

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Sea-dwelling surprise

GA SAVANNAH — Research-ers working off coastal Georgia have discovered what could be three new species of bottom-dwelling creatures known as sea squirts.

The diminutive creatures — also known as tunicates - were recently found at Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, a reef 17.5 miles east of Georgia's Sapelo Island.

Two of the sea squirts - one orange-colored with vein-like designs running through it and another spherical with evenly-spaced holes — are about four inches in size. The third is about the size of a

Marine biologist Danny Gleason of Georgia Southern University made the discovery, along with four of his students, but has turned to a tunicate expert to help determine whether the animals are truly new to science

Drug gang round-up

RI PROVIDENCE — A major drug trafficking operation by the capital city's largest and most organized gang has been broken up, law enforcement authorities said Wednesday.

Officials said 21 members of the Latin Kings street gang or their associates have been either arrested or indicted by a federal grand inru for their involvement in a drug traf-



Store burns

Flint, Mich., firefighters watch Thursday night as smoke and steam rise from Savon Foods store in Flint, as a ladder truck pours water on it. The neighborhood grocery store was gutted by flames, stretching the city's fire department to the limit as it battled two fires on the same block.

ficking ring. They said the arrests have weakened the Latin Kings in Rhode Island, which has more than 100 members in the state and has regrouped in the last three

The gang's leader, Joel Francisco, who went by the nickname Joe Crack, was charged in four indictments, including possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. His girlfriend is accused of using her home as a stash house for the drugs.

Fatal prosthetic failure

MAGNA — An amputee whose artificial leg fell off as he crossed the street was struck and killed by a car as he crawled back to pick up the limb. Motorists stopped to try to help

Allen Coleman, 42, but could not reach him before he was run over along a dark stretch of highway Monday night, authorities said. No charges were filed against the driver

Statue procrastination

PA PHILADELPHIA — Some black leaders and scholars are accusing the National Park Service of dragging its feet on a congressional order to commemorate slaves kept by George Washington

at the first presidential mansion. Congress directed the park service two years ago to build a monument at the site, which is just steps from the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia's Independence National Historical Park, but it remains vacant and unacknowledged.

The commemoration would be the first federal memorial to slavery in the nation.

Escapee back in court

TN NASHVILLE — A prison inmate who escaped with help from a female prison guard and then fled the state will be tried in state court A federal charge of escape from

custody against Edward McDaniel, 37, was dropped Tuesday, said Bret Hester, an assistant U.S. attorney in Nashville.

McDaniel has been moved to

state custody, TBI spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson said. McDaniel, who was serving a 20-year attempted-murder sen-tence for shooting a deputy in 1996, was discovered missing Oct. 3 from the DeBerry Special Needs

Facility with a correctional officer, Vickie Sanford 51 The two were caught together five days later in a motel room in El Paso, Texas,

School stowaway

CO DENVER — A disabled boy who fell asleep on a school bus Tuesday morning was discovered more than an hour later, locked inside the bus parked at a district bus terminal.

The boy's mother, Nicol Castruita-Rodriguez, said her son, Alex, 9, a third-grader at Kaiser Elementary School, was fine. She was not.

"I was pretty hysterical," said Castruita-Rodriguez, who also said it's the second time her son has been lost on a school bus

They said they found my son still on the school bus," the mom said. "He was locked in the bus. standing at the back of the bus, not knowing where he was."



Having too much fun to be cold Gary Tekautz, 4, of Phoenix, Az., didn't let cold temperatures Wednesday interrupt his vacation. Tekautz, who was visiting relatives in Virginia, Minn., bundled up enough to enjoy an afternoon at the Southside Park playground in Virginia.



tary School playground in Ames, Iowa.



Lightning sparks start of front thunder storms through the Fort Smith, Ark., area Wednesday.



Just being a kid again

Olathe, Kansas, resident Michael Cook enjoys the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday evening while swinging at Oregon Trail Park



Tricky footing Michael Markese, 7, makes his way through a funhouse Thursday at the Family Days carnival at Port Orange City Center in Port Orange, Fla.



A real banquet
A squirrel munches on a pumpkin,
a remnant of Halloween, on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo.



 $Artistic\ ice\quad {}^{\text{lcc crystals in a drainage ditch in Kragnes, Minn., formed overnight with a Thursday morning low of 17 degrees.}$

Hospitality gone awry

FL ELLENTON — A motel manager was charged with holding a bus of Special Olympics athletes at gunpoint after a dispute about where the group should park.

John Embry, 47, was charged with aggravated assault and false imprisonment and was being held Sunday without bail, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office said.

Embry, manager of the Sleep Inn, held the bus at gunpoint for 10 minutes Friday because he did not want the bus parked in the motel's small lot, police said.

The competitors had returned to

the competitors had returned to the hotel to change for a dance, dinner and awards ceremony. There were 19 athletes on board, ages 8 to 22, and nine adult chaperones.

"The vast majority of the athletes didn't know what was going on. The adult chaperones were more shaken up," said Amie Dugan, a spokeswoman for Special Olympics Florida.

Toddler finds drugs

WA UNIVERSITY PLACE —
A 2-year-old girl picked up something at a local day care late last week — and it wasn't the flu.

The girl's mother told police she found a plastic bag filled with what appeared to be drugs inside her daughter's pocket after she picked her up from day care. The bag was folded inside a dollar bill, the woman said.

The girl told her mom she'd found the package on the living-room floor of the day care she attends in Tacoma, according to a police report.

Police seized the package. The

substance inside tested positive for amphetamine, according to the report. No one was arrested.

Sites lined up for prison

NH BERLIN — The city has lined up three potential sites for a medium-security federal prison.

Two of the sites are on land owned by Hancock Timber Resource Group. The third site is on city-owned property off Route 110.

Now, Berlin officials hope to see the next stage of the process — an environmental assessment — get under way quickly. That process can take up to 24 months to complete.

Residents approved a referendum supporting a federal prison in Berlin in May 2002.

Dog is the hero

FL LARGO — The first time the dog jumped on his chest Tuesday, Joseph Favre tossed the tiny pooch across the room and went back to sleep.

But Gizmo would not give up. He jumped on Favre's chest again, barking and scratching at his face. Favre cocked his arm for another toss, then inhaled a nose full of smoke.

His mobile home was on fire, the kitchen engulfed in flames and smoke thickening across the living room ceiling.

With Gizmo at his feet, Favre made for the door, dashed outside and called 911. Within seconds, his Largo mobile home was awash in fire.

The blaze gutted the home and destroyed everything inside. But Favre, who said he's a heavy

sleeper, felt lucky to be alive and had Gizmo to thank for that.

"This is my hero right here," Favre, 28, said of the mix. "If the dog wouldn't have woken me up, I would have been crisn."

Legacy of hero lives on

NE OMAHA — The legacy of Korean War here Edward "Babe" Gomez lives on in his native Omaha. Several hundred people attended a ceremony for an S8 million school dedicated as Edward "Babe" Gomez Hertriage Elementary School. The U.S. Marine saved his comrades in 1951 when he threw himself on a missile that was about to explode.

UConn suspends frat

STORRS — The University of Connecticut suspended an on-campus fraternity for five years in the wake of an off-campus keg party. Eight people, including four fraternity members, were arrested after a party in September at a house rented by the school's chapter of Chi Phi.

Jury: No racial issue

DALLAS — A federal jury has acquitted a Dallas real estate worker of violating an Iranian-born taxi driver's civil rights during a scuffle at a fast-food restaurant in 2002.

The jury returned the verdict Wednesday after a three-day trial. "Everybody in the world could see I was not guilty," Curtis Murillo said in a story in Friday's editions of The Pallas Moming News.

Murillo was named in a federal indictment two years after a Dallas County grand jury declined to charge Murillo with aggravated assault in the scuffle with Fezollah Esmaili.

The men gave conflicting accounts of the scuffle, which began with Murillo honking his horn at Esmaili in a drive-through lane.

Both men accused the others of using bias-filled slurs. Murillo testified he hit Esmaili with a car jack only after Esmaili hit him with a fire extinguisher. Jurors had to decide if Murillo

was trying to deny Esmaili the right to eat in a restaurant because of his nationality.

New chunkin champ

HOWELL — A businessman's effort to defend his pumpkin-hurling title literally fell short.

Bruce Bradford and his nine-ton contraption held the World Championship Punkin Chunkin title for two years. But a rival's machine claimed the crown by shooting a gourd that soared 4,224 feet before a crowd of about 40,000 in Sussex County, Del.

Bradford's mechanical device finished second in the field of 100, sending an 8- to 10-pound pumpkin 4,056 feet across a farmer's field with a blast of compressed air.

"Well, we're first-place losers, so we're not too happy about that," Bradford, 57, owner of S&G Steel Erectors in Howell.

He even found a silver lining: Not having to lug home the trophy, which required a forklift to load it onto a trailer to bring it to the 18th annual competition.

"At least we don't have to haul that big ugly thing home," he said. "It's the ugliest trophy in the world," said Bradford, whose tournament record of 4,594 feet set in 2003 remained intact.

Stories and photos from wire reports

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Gwyneth Paltrow used to look pretty flat-chested, but in recent photos she is suddenly very well-endowed. Has she had breast enhancement? — Elizabeth Parker, Los Angeles Calif

ANO — unless you count the enhancing effects of Abreast-feeding her 6-month-old baby girl, Apple.



Moe in an upcoming film.

Russell Crowe might play

QAny word on whom the Farrelly brothers might cast in their planned film on the Three Stooges? — Jerome Horowitz, West Hills, Calif.

Bobby and Peter Farrelly who wrote, produced and directed such gross-out comedies as "Dunb & Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary"— have their hearts set on Russell Crowe, 40, as Moe. The Farrellys are not kidding, And, believe it or not, Russell actually is interested. We seeond the motion. The surry Aussetion of the surry Aussetion and the surry and contraction of the surry and Curry.

Qi'm a big fan of the WNBA, which finished its season last month. How did the salaries of this year's top women draft picks compare with those of the NBA's male draftees?—LeRov Lanev. Little Rock. Ark.

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Poorty. The top 2004 WNBA draft picks — Diana Taura
Asi, Alana Beard, Nicole Powell and Lindsay Whalen, all

22 — collected rookie psychecks of \$49,080, compared to

\$3.48 million for Dwight Howard, the top NBA draftee.

The gap widens: The Lakers' Kobe Bryant stands to earn

\$1.36 million over seven years, for example, while WNBA

players had an \$87,000 salany cap this season.

QSo many child stars have unhappy adulthoods. How did Shirley Temple Black escape that fate? — Nathaniel Ono, Sun Valley, Calif.

All had a private tutor, Frances Klampt, whom I called Klammy," says Shirley, 76, who lives with her husband of Salmmy, "says Shirley, 76, who lives with her husband to Salman, and the soundstage, she'd assign a week's worth of geography, I got interested in the world outside myself and eventually became U.S. ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslova-





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OK, listen up: On the left is Miranda, from "Sex and the City." She does not really exist. On the right is Cynthia Nixon, the actress who plays Miranda. She is a real person. They are not the same. Got it? Good.

Cynthia Nixon, who was Miranda on "Sex and the City," reportedly is in a lesbian relationship. But didn't she kiss another woman on the show and say she didn't like it? — Jennifer L., Lancaster, Pa.

Yes, but that was Miranda talking. Anyway, it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind.

Pauley Perrette, who plays forensic scientist Abby Sciuto on CBS' "Navy NCIS," has a number of tattoos. Are they real or the work of a makeup artist? — J. Valade, city unknown

A"T have nine tattoos," Pauley, 35, tells us. "My character has more." Her most visible TV tattoo, a large spider web on her neck, is a fake. While Abby often threatens to "show my new tat" to her older, conservative co-workers (actors Mark Harmon and David McCallum), Pauley remains coy about the location of her real-life body art.

Q Your item on Arnold Schwarzenegger made me wonder: How has his wife, Maria Shriver, adjusted to being the first lady of California? — Darlene L., Memphis, Tenn.

As the loves it. Maria, 49, exercises enormous influence over her husband. She's practically the co-governator of California. We hear that when Arnold, 57, had trouble getting some bills passed in the state capital of Sacramento, Maria called legislators and persuaded them to vote yes. It wouldn't surprise us if she ran for office one day.



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Shriver: Future politician?

QYou recently ran your picks for the Top 10 Movie Themes of All Time. Have you gotten any criticism from readers? — Wallace Poulter, Windsor, Calif.

And much — though many had their own favorites. Here's a Top 10 List of Movie Themes From Our Mailbag: "Where Eagles Dare," by Ron Goodwin, "Dances With Wolves," John Barry, "Gladiator," by Hans Zimmer, "Laura," by David Raksin, "Now, Voyager," by Max Steiner, "The Big Country," by Jerome Moross," 'As Time Goes By," from "Casablanca," by Herman Hupfeld, "Three Coins in the Fountain," by Jule Styne, "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing," by Sammy Fain, and "Over the Rainbow," from "The Wizard of Oz," by Harold Arlen.



Elton John: Righteously indignant, or lealous?

QWhy did Eiton John trash Madonna at Q magazine's music awards in London, where she was nominated for best live act? — Ashley K., Decatur, Ill.

A Sir Elton, 57, is prone to tantrums. (A documentary about him was called "Tantrums and Tiaras.") And, as the ultimate live performer, he resented that Madonna, 46, was being honored although she's believed to lip-synch during her act.

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Keep religion in church

I just finished reading the letter "Inspi ration column good idea," (Nov. 10) and feel it's both a "duty and honor" to bring up a few points to the writer.

First of all, the continent of North America was not founded on Christianity, the country of the United States of America was. Of course, that was after those fine country-founding Christians decided to maim, slaughter and rape the peaceful earth- and spirit-worshipping natives who were labeled "savages" because they thought it might be nice to hold on to their motherland for a little while longer.

As I sit here in the middle of the desert fighting the same war that was started hundreds of years ago by some other fine Christians (the Crusaders), I'd like to take a second to scoff at Christian ideals and arrogance

Don't get me wrong. I fully support this operation in the name of democracy, but this fight started long before democracy was even thought of

I'm also a spiritual man. I fully believe in God, our Father, the Creator. However, many people, like myself, strongly disagree with man-made religion, and the idea that man can presume to know the heart, mind and purpose of God.

I think it's beautiful that after years of rule by the moral majority, America is finally starting to adopt a more liberal frame of mind. A life without religious oppression. The freedom to think and do what you want, within the law, without being "burned at the stake."

I'm glad the letter writer has a purpose, his duty, but its place is in a church. I'd like to beg Stripes, please keep religion out of the paper.

Religion belongs in a church, or chap el, where those who feel they need it can get it 24/7

> Staff Sgt. Chad Rodrigues Camp Ruehring Kuwait

Student-athletes deserve more

I am a high school student and a football player at H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden, Germany. I read the 10- or

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12-page sports section faithfully every day, and have come to notice that only a very small portion of the section, a couple of days a week, is devoted to high school sports.

These athletes, who put in 20-plus hours a week for their sports, deserve more than a small paragraph and a rare picture. And there is absolutely no coverage of junior varsity sports.

These articles and statistics are important to not only players and their families, but also to talent scouts and colleges looking for potential college athletes. Who is to say that the next Randy Moss or Peyton Manning isn't playing at a De-partment of Defense Dependents Schools institution right now?

Please include more features on high school sports in the sports section of Stars and Stripes. We would really appreciate it.

> Thomas Lawler Wiesbaden, Germany

More soccer, please

I am a middle school student at Wies baden Middle School also playing soccer. Whenever I read the Stars and Stripes newspaper, I go to the sports pages. I've noticed as I looked through the sports pages, it never mentions soccer. It's a fairly big sport in the United States and it's the main sport of Europe, where I live

Stars and Stripes should publish some articles on soccer because it would beln America take in an international sport instead of giving our sports to the rest of the world. I would also like to know how the teams in the United States are doing.

I think the sports pages would get more attention if Stripes published soccer articles

> Josh Turner Wiesbaden, Germany

Article cheapens paper

I find it difficult to believe that Stars and Stripes can't find anything better to print than an article about a Thai transvestite pageant ("First transvestite pag-eant crowns a queen," Nov. 9, Mideast edition). This paper is on the downward slide to becoming a joke.

Mai. Scott DeLorenzi Misawa Air Base, Japan

Insurgents regrouping?

My husband is in Iraq participating with the Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I've been glued to my TV while the attack on Fallujah is taking place, as my husband could be involved. He is based at a forward operating base near Fallu-

When I hear updates on the Fallujah attack going better than planned and our forces not coming up against much insurgent activity, it only gets me wondering about where the insurgents have gone. If they're not staying to fight for Fallujah, they have probably dispersed throughout Al Anbar province and made the capital of the province, Ramadi, all the more dangerous. I think that the insurgents are more intelligent than to stay in a city where all our forces are concentrated and they will recoil to a new city, such as Ramadi, and restart their war there where there is military present they're not worried right now about that

Am I the only one who thinks this? Alicia Linse Plymouth, Ind.





















OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editori als are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Arafat's evil acts fill book Rocky Mountain News, Denver

On Sept. 9, 1993, Yasser Arafat signed a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledging that the Palestine Liberation Organization "recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and securi-That was a lie, and it is one of many reasons the world should not mourn the passing of this petty tyrant. .

The list of crimes the PLO chairman has incited or been associated with over the years would stain every page of a good-sized book. Highlights, however, would include the slaughter of athletes at the 1972 [Summer! Olympics by Black September: the assassination of U.S. diplomats in Sudan in 1973; the massacre of schoolchildren at Maalot, Israel, in 1974; a bus hijacking that killed 35 civilians in 1978; the slaving of Leon Klinghoffer on the Achille Lauro in 1985; the torture and execution of Palestinian dissidents, especially during the intifada of the late 1980s and early '90s; and the sui-cide bombings of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade in more recent years

Arafat's death provides Palestinians with an opportunity to turn away from the violence of half a century to choose a more productive course.

Spend wisely, for our sake Bradenton (Fla.) Herald

President Bush certainly is entitled to "spend the political capital" he earned by winning re-election. ... The big question is, how much will his capital buy in what could be a contentious "marketplace," a Congress and nation sharply divided by war, social-values issues and fiscal policy

Bush's tone and demeanor at this month's post-election news conference indicated he sees his victory as a mandate for a broad agenda of domestic reforms on which he campaigned. Certainly, compared to some elections in which the victor claimed a man date by a far smaller margin - John F. Kennedy did so after beating Richard Nixon by two-tenths of 1 percent - Bush's 51 to 48 percent, 3.5 million-vote margin over John Kerry could empower the president to set ambitious goals for his second term. ...

Certainly the president is entitled to push the policies that he thinks are in the nation's best interests. But it would be a mistake to do so in a partisan atmosphere. He pledged to work across party lines to help heal the rifts caused by the campaign.

If he breaks that pledge, he could find him-self in the same failed-second-term syndrome as some predecessors who overreached

Bush indeed has political capital. We only hone he spends it wisely

Fallujah will sort things out San Francisco Chronicle

The immediate military outcome of the of-fensive by U.S. soldiers and Marines against insurgents in control of Fallujah is hardly in doubt. Our troops, accompanied for symbol-ic purposes by thin ranks of newly trained Iraqis, will take charge of the city, notorious for the killings and dismemberment of four

American contractors in March. ... The Fallujah offensive is supported by the interim Iraqi government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi in the hope that pacifying Fallu-jah will help the country to hold credible national elections in January. Yet questions remain about the likely success of this strate-

Some in the minority Sunni community threaten to boycott the voting, while clerical leaders of the Shiite majority see it as their path to power. ...



United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan is not confident that Iraqi violence can be quelled sufficiently to create an effective election climate, or that a military offensive now will aid the democratic cause. He warned against launching the Fallujah offen-

The Rush administration's policy for remaking Iraq faces hard testing in the next few months

Killing critics is unacceptable Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News

Many Americans may have missed the story of how Dutch filmmaker Theo Van Gogh was shot, had his throat cut and had a long jihadist manifesto pinned to his flesh with a knife as he cried out for mercy. This happened in Amsterdam, the most pacific and tolerant of European capitals, in broad daylight, Nov. 2

Van Gogh, the great-grandnephew of the famous artist Vincent, was a provocative satirist and social critic with secular postmodern liberal views. His film "Submission" features a woman in a see-through burka telling the story of an abusive and violent marriage from which her own family would not protect her for religious reasons. ... The suspect in Van Gogh's death is a

26-year-old Moroccan immigrant who belonged to the same Islamist cult as Abu Musab al-Zargawi, who directs the iihad in

There can be no place in Western civiliza tion for people who react to those who offend them by murdering them in cold blood or issuing religious edicts calling for their death.

Also deplorable is the apparent answering crime to Van Gogh's death: the bombing of an Islamic elementary school last Sunday The bomb, whether by design or great good fortune, went off at 3:30 a.m. The most hopeful thing we could say is that the bombers were trying to send a message without send-ing blood into the gutters, but hate is hate, and crime is crime, and the bombing, like the murder, was both.

'Values' is a porous umbrella The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.

Morality may be the surprise issue of the 2004 campaign. But whose morality? According to exit-poll interviews, one-fifth of the voters cited "moral values" as their chief concern. Words like "morality." "faith" and

"family values" seemed to resonate as never before in the electorate. And of those voters, 8 in 10 picked President Bush. This doesn't mean challenger John Kerry

is somehow less "moral" than Bush. The former altar boy who carried a rosary and Bible with him on the campaign trail has no "faith" than the incumbent. So how less come his "values" failed to impress all those American voters? ... If you don't happen to be an evangelical Christian: if your views of "morality" and "family values" don't in-clude a ban on gay marriage or civil unions outlawing abortion and embryonic stem-cell research; if you are uncomfortable erasing the line between church and state; this election provided only cold comfort

Paving for combat gear Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

The Bush administration's latest appropri-ations request for the war in Iraq totaled \$70 billion, and that was only a stopgap measure in what is expected to be a long and costly American presence. Yet for all the money that Congress has so far approved, it comes as a jolt to be reminded of how ill-equipped many soldiers in Iraq are today.

How ill-equipped? Enough so that they and their families have had to dig into their own pockets to buy vital supplies to help them wage combat with insurgents - walkie-talkies, flashlights, gloves and bulletproof vests, even homemade armor for Humvees.

The support is heartening, but the fact that it is needed is disgraceful. ... But what is worse is that the money to buy needed equipment was there all along. Only much of it was diverted by Congress to pay for pork items. Some examples of those projects, as revealed in a report on the Oct. 31 "60 Minutes" television program, include curtailing the brown snake in Hawaii, and maintaining a marching field on a closed military base.

It's all so outrageous. Why isn't the Penta-gon resisting every attempt by Congress to siphon funds? More to the point, where is Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld? He should be using his office as a bully pulpit to expose the lawmakers who are taking money away from our troops. Why the silence?

Opportunity to help exists The Herald, Everett, Wash.

If people learned anything about George W. Bush in his first term, it's that he isn't

afraid to think big. Those who love him admire his zeal: those who loathe him are terrified by it.

The mild overture he made to Democrats following his re-election this month hardly signaled a retreat from his aggressive style.

It was an invitation to help him implement his party's goals, not an offer to compromise them. But even in that light, the president has a rare and real opportunity to forge consensus and make historic progress on so difficult, long-standing issues.
Two of them: Social Security reform and

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Social Security, as Federal Reserve Chairnan Alan Greenspan has warned repeatedly, cannot in its current form support the impending retirement of 77 million baby boomers. Major changes must be made, and they'll be unpopular.

In the Middle East, the distraction of the war in Iraq kept the Israeli-Palestinian peace process on the back burner of U.S. foreign policy. Now, with a leadership change coming to the Palestinian Authority, the president should seize the moment and reassert traditional U.S. leadership [on the

Historic opportunities don't often intersect with a leader who has the vision and po-litical capital to take advantage of them. We ope this president realizes that

High hopes for Sen. Obama Daily Southtown, Tinley Park, Ill.

Voters in the Land of Lincoln are marching to the beat of a different drum than the rest of the United States.

Not only did Illinois voters give John Kerry a wide majority over President Bush, they also gave Barack Obama what may have been the largest victory margin ever in

U.S. Senate race.
For the second time in 12 years, Illinoisans elected an African-American to the U.S. Senate.

But remember, Obama becomes only the fifth African-American elected to the Senate in the history of the United States. [Carol] Moseley Braun was the only black woman ever elected to the Senate. Illinois is proving to be a real land of opportunity for Afri can-Americans, at least in the political

Obama goes to Washington amid high expectations. His campaign theme of bridging political divisions might be just what his party needs after losing at least four seats
Nov. 2 — including Minority Leader Tom Nov. 2 — including Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

YOUR MONEY

Why used cars can be better

to 20 percent of

their value the

minute you

drive them off

the lot 17

Philip Reed

The Orange County Register A shiny, new car that comes

with \$3,000 cash back sounds like a great deal, and it's one shoppers are seeing a lot of this fall.

But if you want to nab an even better bargain, consider buying

used, experts say. Wary shoppers might shy away from a used car because they're worried about getting a clunker. But buyers can protect themselves from such troubles. And there's no better time to buy used than now, thanks in part to the effect of new-car rebates on the used-car market.

"We've had these incredible incentives of \$4,000 to \$5,000 on some 44 New cars lose up different kinds of domestic [modsaid John Honiotes, vice president of dealer operations at Autobytel, an Irvine, Calif., company that uses the Internet to hook up dealers with car shoppers. As car buyers pay less, those

said

Edmunds.com editor rehates "erode the value of the vehicle and the future value

as well," he said. That's a benefit for used-car shoppers, too, because the value of used vehicles also drops, he

Philip Reed, consumer advice editor at Edmunds.com. which evaluates vehicles for shoppers, offers another compelling reason to consider a used car: You get more bang for your buck

'New cars lose up to 20 percent of their value the minute you drive them off the lot," he said After a year, some cars depreci-ate as much as 35 percent, "Let someone else take the hit in depreciation and then buy the car a year or two later," Reed said.

Many consumers, however, don't know where to start their search or what to look for in a used car.

So what's the single best way to buy used without sacrificing peace of mind? "Get a factory-certified vehicle," Honiotes of Autobytel advises.

These are the types of used cars you'll find when you visit a new-car dealership. Often called "pre-owned, factory-certified," these vehicles have the manufacturer's guarantee behind them. That means no matter where you go - from Orange County, Calif., to Chicago to New York - the warranty is honored.

Factory-certified cars often have to meet certain criteria to get this backing from the manufacturer. Some manufacturers will only certify models five years old or less, others six years. Mileage varies, too: One automaker might put the limit at cars with 50,000 miles, others 30,000.

These cars also are inspected. so you don't have to check them with an independent mechanic. Inspections vary among manufacturers.

Some conduct a 140-point inspection, while others may offer a 128-point inspection. Typically, these inspections check things such as the depth of tire treads, brake pads and belt tensions. Consumers can ask to see the reports.

There are other types of certified cars, but experts say to be extra careful with these. Some used-car

lots - which sell preowned cars also may offer a certification. But this certification isn't from the man ufacturer. The car lot is backing it

up.
"If it is a reputable company, you might be OK." Honiotes said. But if you don't

know the company, you're taking a risk, he and others say. Generally, consumers would take the vehicle back to the lot for service. And sometimes the war-

ranty is very short - possibly just 30 days. Consumers should get the certification in writing and under-

stand what it covers before moving on with the purchase, Honiotes said. Buying a vehicle with any certi-

fication adds to the cost of the vehicle, from \$500 to \$1.000. Consumers don't have to go to a

new-car dealership or used-car lot to find a good bargain. Reed favors buying from a private party.

"It can be a kinder and gentler buying experience" when negotiating with an individual. Reed said

For starters, the markup on the vehicle is usually a lot less than what consumers will find at dealerships or used car lot he said

Professional salespeople look to make a profit while individuals trying to sell a car on their own are usually trying to just get what

the car is worth, Reed said. "There's not as much game-playing in the negotia-

tions," he said. Still, consumers may still feel a bit worried about buying what would consider

hand-me-down "Cars have never been more reliable. If you can find a one- or two-year-old car, there's still a lot of life left in it." Reed said.

SEE CARS ON PAGE 31



Ralph Nelson will return soon with Susie Besaw and his Money U. column. Stay tuned.



Surrounded by ingredients and finished products, 23-year-old Sarah Levy spreads dark chocolate out on a granite countertop for a candy she calls Dark Chocolate Delight in her parents' kitchen last month in Chicago. Levy, a former restaurant pastry chef, started her own business, "Sarah's Pastries & Candies Inc.," at her parents' home in March and started turning a profit last month.

The young and self-employed

Recent graduates find ways to be own boss

BY MARTHA IRVINE

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Sarah Levy loved being a restaurant pastry chef — but not the long hours, the relatively low pay, or the constant velling that goes on in high-stress kitchens

So this spring, the 23-year-old Chicagoan moved to a different kitchen — at her parents' home — and launched her own business, Sarah's Pastries & Can-

"I feel better when I'm working for myself and building a name for myself," says Levy, who started turning a profit last month.

She's one of the lucky ones: she got financial backing from her dad to help start the business. But she's not alone in her decision to strike out on her own. A number of young people are doing the same, driven by everything from a wish for more flexibility to a chance to test their own ideas.

A few recent college graduates, including 22-year-old Noah Thomas, say the tough job market they encountered last spring also motivated them to create their own options. Thomas, who lives in Columbia, S.C., and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in marketing and finance, spent about three months looking for a job with no luck.

"Nothing was happening for me." Thomas says. "I didn't hear back from a lot of people — didn't even know what happened to my résumés."

So with a small amount of savings in his pocket, he started checking out less-expensive franchise options and bought into All About Honeymoons, a travel business that specializes in trips for newlyweds. As his business is getting off the ground, he's also teaching an SAT prep course to supplement his income.

Nationwide it's difficult to estimate the number of young small business owners: The federal Small Business Administration does not keep statistics by age.

But there are signs of growth. The Virginia-based Young Entrepreneurs' Organization — a group founded in 1987 that requires \$1 million in annual sales before it will admit a business owner - now counts 95 U.S. members younger than 30 in its ranks.

And a first-time survey done this year by the National Association for the Self-Employed found that about 15 percent of its members are in their 20s or Gene Fairbrother, a small business consultant at

the Texas-based nonprofit, says the percentage is significant because — even as recently as three years ago — young people rarely called for any sort of small-business advice.

"But not anymore," says Fairbrother, who believes cutbacks in some job sectors have played a role. He also credits the growing number of university programs that focus on entrepreneurship.

That doesn't mean that self-employment is for everyone, says Stacey Mayo, an Atlanta-based certified career coach. Some people, she says, start researching a business of interest only to realize that they'd rather fine-tune their current career than deal with the headaches of long hours and the tough decisions a boss has to make.

Still, "it's definitely worth exploring," she says.

Even if self-employment is not a long-term endeavor, it can be a way to stay afloat during a job search. That's what 29-year-old Frank Strong learned after he got laid off from a startup public relations consulting firm in 2002. "I resolved to learn what I could as a freelancer

until the right opportunity came along," says Strong, who lives in Arlington, Va., and now has a full-time iob with a business communications firm - much to

Regardless, Ana Sanchez, a graphic artist and re-cent art school graduate, says she'd still rather have flexibility than job security.

"Freelancing keeps me on my toes," the 22-year-old New Yorker says. "It forces me to do my best work because I know that my next job depends on my performance

Conor McDonough agrees. He recently left the Web design job he got after graduating from Cornell University last year

"I got dissatisfied with the rigid structure of the whole deal. There wasn't enough room for my own expression," he says.

McDonough now runs his own Web design firm, OffThePathMedia.com base of New York. But he's found that having his own Web-based business has another advantage-He can do it from just about anywhere. That allowed him to travel to Boston on short notice to gather

around a TV with friends as the Red Soy won the World Series. "That definitely would not be possible if I worked

for a big corporation," says McDonough who's able to make a living — and has hired some freelancers to help with some jobs.

YOUR MONEY

Cars: Take driver's seat when buying used car

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■ Find out what it's worth: Know the value of the vehicle you're thinking about buying. Condition, mileage, age, equipment and where you live all affect vehicle value. Pricing guides such as Kelley Blue Book at www.kbb.com can give you a good idea of what your car is

■ Get the vehicle's history: Find out if the car you want to buy has been in an accident, if the odometer was rolled back and how many owners the car has had. You will need the vehicle identification number, or VIN CARFAX at www.carfay com charges \$19.99 for a single report. Its reports can only be or-

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■ Visit a mechanic: If the car you want to buy isn't certified by the manufacturer, take it to a mechanic

■ Look at it: Sounds silly, but consumers sometimes skip this

■ Drive it: Take your time to evaluate how the car handles Does it accelerate smoothly and with the power you need? Listen for any rattles or squeaks or engine noises. How do the brakes feel? If you're dealing with a private party, ask to see the service records. If the vehicle has had major overhaul of the transmission or engine, proceed with cau-

■ Check the warranty: If you're buying from a private party, check to see if the vehiis still under warranty Then, check to see if the war ranty is still valid under a new owner. Some are not. For a good comparison of warranties, visit Edmunds at www. edmunds.com.

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Saying 'no' to sports car sends positive message

O: Our son, who is about to turn 16, has his heart set on a certain model of luxury sports car. He's managed to save almost the entire amount needed to buy an older version of the car he wants. We're hesitant to tell him he can't buy the vehicle since he's been so

diligent. What do you think? Your son is one smooth talker. He's managed to convince you this is about saving and achieving a goal, when what it's really about

is common sense. He is a teenager. The vehicle he wants is a sports car. The two just shouldn't go together.

Novice drivers like your son get in far more accidents than those with even a couple of years' driv-ing experience. New drivers need a safe, underpowered vehicle in which to make their mistakes not a car that's going to tempt them to push their limits

In fact, you could make the argu-ment that giving a 16-year-old a sports car is akin to giving a toddler a loaded gun. Someone's going to get hurt — it's just a matter of

when, and who, and how badly, There are other financial issues vou may not have considered.

Your son may be able to afford the purchase price, but how will he swing the insurance, which is sure to be considerable? How

about maintenance and repairs, which will be pricier than average as well? A single headlight on a luxury car can cost \$500 or more to replace

does he have the savings to cover that as well? If not, and you'll be picking up the tab, think about the message that sends. You're getting him used to living beyond his means.

How will he fare once he's out on his own if he's never had to deal with financial limits and trade-You have a priceless opportuni-

ty to help him navigate his first steps into maturity by helping him find a car that he can afford to buy. insure, maintain and repair. Guide him to make the right decision, not one that will put his future — in all

senses of the word — at risk.

Q: I carry a balance on a credit card that has a 0 percent interest rate until February 2005. I just re-ceived an offer for a different card with a 0 percent rate on baltransfers until October 2005. There are no transfer fees; in fact, the new credit card will refund me 1 percent on any balance transferred. I have enough in savings to pay off the balance, but I've enjoyed having access to this interest-free money. If I transfer the balance to the new

my credit score?

Money Talk

A: Potentially, yes. Every time you apply for a new credit account, you risk a ding to your score, which is the three-digit number lenders use to gauge

> If you transfer a balance from a card that has a relatively high limit to one with a lower limit, you also risk damaging your score. The FICO credit scoring formula measures the gap bemeasures the gap be-tween the credit available to you and the amount you're actually using, both overall and

vour credit-worthiness

on specific cards. The wider the gap between your limits and your balances, the better. There are other costs to playing the "bouncing balance" game. A single delayed payment can often spell the end of your 0 percent interest rate. Many issuers reserve the right to raise your rate if you're late, or maxed out, or paying the minimum on any card in

your possession; they patrol your credit report regularly to look for these potential problems. Carrying a balance also limits your financial flexibility. You don't have as much credit available to you in an emergency.

Liz Pulliam Weston is the author of "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number that Shapes Your Financial Future." Ques-tions for Money Talk can be submitte to her at 3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd. #238, Studio City, CA 91604 or via her Web site, www.lizweston.com, She regrets

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Top money-making stars

Celebrities lend their fame to

countless products and causes, but many are also entrepreneurs.

Which are the most successful in the business world? Inc. magazine developed a list for its De-

1. Magic Johnson, the former pro basketball star, who has built a commercial empire worth an estimated \$700 million in the past 12 years.

2. Sean Combs, the hip-hop star, has moved into fashion and restaurants for his wealth.

3. Actor Paul Newman, of the ubiquitous food brand. 4. Film director Francis Ford

Coppola, who has built a prosperous company on wine, food, art and travel.

Former swimsuit model Kathy Ireland has built a \$1 billion clothing and home furnishings company

6. Chicago talk show queen Oprah Winfrey

7. Developer Merv Griffin

8. Musician Moby

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Veterans Day tournament



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Darmstadt's Fred Waddington, right, shoots over Ramstein's Robert Batiste during the Veterans Day community basketball tournament heim, Germany, on Saturday, Darmstadt won the game 90-88 in double overtime to force a late game against Ramstein to determine the tournament champion. In an early game, Mannheim beat Heidelberg 65-61 to win the women's championship.

Local scoreboard

Military basketball

MANNHEIM, Germany — Results Saturday on the championship games of the Man-eim invitational Community Basketball urnament, which began Thursday at the llivan Barracks gym:

Mannheim 65, Heidelberg 61 Halftime—Heidelberg Lady Generals 30, fannheim Lady Mustangs 27.

Top scorers-Heid: Tiffany Collins 21, Nina Beamon 15; Mann: Sharon Montgomery 24. eamon 15; Mann: Sharon Montgomery 24.

Noteworthy—Victory completed Mannhen's unbeaten run through the tournament.

Darmstadt 90. Ramstein 88 Halftime—Ramstein Rams 43, Darmstadt emons 37.

Top scorers—Rams: Austin Layton 20, Rob-ert Baptiste 18; Darm: Gerald Peoples 18.

ert baptiske 18; Darm: Gerald Peoples 18.

Noteworthy—Come-from-behind victory forced a second, winner-take-all game, which was being played as this edition of Stripes went to press Saturday night.

High school volleyball

All-star teams

All-conference—First team: Lindsey Albert (Frankfurt International School); Natasha-fololan and Jessica Palacchai (Hedelberg); International School); Natasha-lariviere and Lindsay Mansfield (Laken-heath); Kalfe Cordova and Heather Steele (Ramstein); Tiffary Nemelka (Würzburg), Julia Roberson (Heidelberg); Regina Fiem-ming (Ramstein); Brittany Harris (Wies-baders); Suzamel Hamilton (Wuzburg).

All-tournament—Holan (MVP) and Pal-schak (Heidelberg); Albert (FIS); Lariviere nd Mansfield (Lakenheath); Cordova and beals (Parterials)

Division II

Gordon (Hanau): Heather Hall, Ehrin Hop-kins and Kasy'e Lalau (Patch); Cathy de la Rosa, Jessica Linka and Alania McKinnis (Vilseck). Honorable mention: Tauree Blan-kenship (ARNORTH): Rache Bolduc (Bit-burg): Priscilla Bruheital (BFA): Krystal Salaz-ar (Mannheim); Nicole Anderson (Patch); Becky Linka (Vilseck).

All-tournament—Ashley Mead (MVP) and Aubree Mariz (Aviano); Garrity and Wood-ward (BFA); Hall, Hopkins and Lalau (Patch); McKinnis (Vilseck).

Division III

III-North all-conference—First team: Carly Bascom, Kristine Fernandez and Catifin Lain-gen (Alconbury); Kelsey Anderson, Stephanle Anderson and Micana Gallaway (London Central), Honorable mention: Aja Brown and Katle Schonder (Alconbury); Reese Bottlsini and Nicole Herway (Brus-Reese Bottlsini and Nicole Herway (Brussels); Alyssa Dillon-Wasserman Central); Sarah Reid (Menwith Hill).

Central); Sarah Reid (Menwith Hill).

Ill-South all-Conference - First team: Brittney Britton and Alison Hazen (Ansbach);
Kandace Dyer, Ashley Karayannis and
Stephanie Kesling (Baumholder); Vanessa
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American Schools in Italy League all-con-ference—Außree Mariz and Ashley Mead (Avlano): Ennifer Doh and Ayda Micale (Milan); Renna Damon and Tracy Light (Na-ples); Rita Anderson, Liz Lally and Whitney Lynch (Sigonella); Sarah Malone (Vicenza). Honorable mention: Susie Satta (American Overseas School of Rome); Emily Donnelly and Ellana Sheets (Avlano); Natasha Sheets (Avlano); Natasha and Eliana Sheets (Aviano); Natasha Ianonne (Milan); Carmen Catena and Eire-anne Robertson (Vicenza).

All-tournament—Britton (MVP), Hazen and Rangel (Ansbach); Kim Vandry and Dyer (Baumholder); K. Anderson and Gallaway (London Central); Lally (Sigonella).

Division IV

(Contested only in European to All-tournament—Laingen (MVP), Bascomb and Fernandez (Alconbury); Herway (Brus-sels); Tashawna Tolbert (Incirlik); Doh, Ianonne and Micael (Milan).

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AFN-Atlantic, 1 p.m.— College football: Alabama at LSU (did).
AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.— College football: South Carolina at Florida (did).
AFN-Pacific, 7 p.m.—NFL: Tampa Bay at Atanta. **AFN-Atlantic, AFN-Radio, 7 p.m.**—NFL: Balti-nore at N.Y. Jets. nore at N.Y. Jets. AFN-Sports, 7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: Nextel up Southern 500. AFN-Atlantic, 10 p.m.—NFL: Cincinnati at Washington.

AFN-Pacific, AFN-Radio, 10 p.m.—NFL: Min-nesota at Green Bay.

AFN-Sports, midnight—NFL: N.Y. Giants at Arizona (joined in progress).

Monday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-NFL: Seattle at St. Louis (dld).

AFN-Sports, AFN-Radio, 2:30 a.m.—NFL:
Buffalo at New England.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—Golf: Franklin Tem-AFN-Sports, 9:39 a.m.—Golf: Franklin Tem-pleton Shootout (did). AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.—Soccer: MLS Cup, D.C. vs. Kansas City (did). AFN-Sports, 6:39 p.m.—Drag racing: Auto-mobile Club of Southern California Finals, final round (did).

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College football

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College basketball

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4. North Carolina (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Friday, Nov. 19.
5. Illinois (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware State, Friday, Nov. 19.
6. Syracuse (2-0) beat Princeton 56-45. Next: No. 12 Mississippi St., Thursday, Nov. Next: No. 12 Mississippi St., Thursday, Nov. 18. 7. Oklahoma State (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern State, Friday, Nov. 19.

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Friday's men's scores

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Women's AP Top 25 fared

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1. Tennessee (0-0) did not play. Next: at Chattanooga, Nov. 13.

2. Texas (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 een state, Sunday.

3. LSU (2-0) beat Arizona State 65-54. Next: s. No. 8 Baylor at Austin, Texas, Sunday.

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7. Stanford (0-0) did not play. Next: at
8. Baylor (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3
LSU at Austin, Texas, Sunday.
9. North Carolina (0-0) did not play. Next:
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Notre Dame (1-0) beat Illinois State 9-73. Next: vs. Nebraska, Sunday.
 Ohio State (1-0) beat Bowling Green 89-41. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Sunday.
 Texas Tech (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Nov. 22.
 Vanderbilt (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. St. Francis Pa. Nov. 19

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21. Penn State (0-0) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Texas, Sunday. 20. Cklahoma (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southeast Missouri State, Nov. 19. 23. Maryland (0-9) did not play. Next: at Ap-platchian State, Nov. 19. chian State, Nov. 19. Arizona (1-0) beat St. Mary's, Cal. 87-79. at Rice, Sunday Next: at Rice, Sunday, 25, Louislana Tech (0-0) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Nov. 24.

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Laura Davies Hilary Lunke Shi Hyun Ahn Emilee Klein Gloria Park Kate Golden Tina Fischer

LPGA Tournament of Champions

Friday At Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magnolia Grove, Crossings Cours Mobile, Ala. Purse: \$800,000 Yardage: 6,253; Par: 72 Second Round

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College soccer

NCAA Women's Division I tournament

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Baseball

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Womack, 2b. SAN DIEGO (7) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-rilia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss; Dave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp; David

Wells, III).

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Daye Burba, rhp;
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SAINT LOUIS—Named Chris Sloan director of basketball operations.

XAVIER—Announced the resignation of Jack Hermans, men's soccer coach, and Ron Quinn, women's soccer coach.

Rainout puts Busch on pole

DARLINGTON, S.C. - The contenders for the Nextel Cup championship moved to the front of the field without turning a lan Friday at Darlington Raceway.

Rain washed out qualifying for Southern 500, NASCAR to set the grid for Sunday's race by car owner points. That put Kurt Busch, Jeff Gordon. Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson and Mark Martin — separated by just 104 points - at the front of the 43-car field

"That was a heck of a lap for us today," said Busch, who hasn't started from the pole since the season finale at Homestead in 2002. "It was a real good break for us

Busch leads Gordon by just 41 points with two races remaining in the 10-man, 10-race Chase for the Cup playoff-style championship. Starting from the front gives Busch an edge in the race for the five-point bonus awarded to any driver leading a lap as well as the five points that go to the car which leads the most laps.

"It's definitely a great opportunity for us " Rusch said "But having all of the drivers in the Chase right up front, everybody's going to want to lead a lap quickly.

"But we'll all live up to the gentleman's agreement and all file into the first turn single file and see how things shake out and who has the best setup and can get the advantage."

four-time series Gordon, a champion and six-time Darlington winner, said he won't be too daring at the start.

"It's really risk versus gain," he "If it's not a super risky move to do it. I'd love to have those five bonus points.

"But I'll have nine other guys around me who want those points. If it looks too dicey, I'll let them go. I want to win the race."

Even though he has had considerable success on the narrow 1 366-mile oval - nicknamed the "Track Too Tough to Tame" -Gordon doesn't believe he has an advantage.

"Everything is unpredictable right now," he said. "You can get

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in trouble without really trying at this place. You're going to have to race smart here. It will be interesting to see who stays smart and doesn't make the big mistake

The Cup drivers did get a chance to practice earlier Friday, and Earnhardt made a mistake during the session that could have been costly. He hit the wall between Turns 1 and 2 hard enough to knock his breath out for a few minutes

His team quickly brought out a backup car and Earnhardt was able to get in a few laps before the practice ended.

"I don't really know what hap-pened," he said. "I just ran out of racetrack, got a little out of the groove and ran up into the fence. The consolation is that it hap-

pened early enough that I did get some lans in the backup car

Because the crash took place before the scheduled qualifying, Earnhardt will not have to start from the rear of the field despite moving to a backup car.

'Obviously, it's a break to start up front," he said. "But, one way or another, it would be just fine It's such a long race, in 40 or 50 laps everybody will be somewhere else anyway. But I'd like to make the best of the opportunity and keep track position all day It is the closest five-way title

competition in NASCAR history. "For all of us, it's the most intense championship battle I've ever seen." Gordon said. "All of us have a little bit of edginess knowing that every lap is so crucial These last two races are going to be really interesting and fun."

Rain erased Ryan Newman's chance to win a fifth straight pole and 10th of the season

Busch qualifying, truck race rained out at Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. - Busch Series points leader Martin Truex Jr. will start up front after rain washed out qualifying Friday for the Bi-Lo 200.

The cars were lined up based on owner's points for Saturday's race at Darlington Raceway. Kyle Busch, 161 points behind Truex in second, will start second. Greg Biffle, Kevin Harvick and Justin Laborte round out the top five.

With a gain of 30 points Saturday, Truex can clinch his first Busch championship for car owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. Truex would be the first rookie to win the Busch title since his car owner did it in 1998.

Rain also forced postponement Friday of the NASCAR truck series race, which was to be the first under the lights at Darlington Raceway

The race will be held Saturday Carl Edwards starts on the pole with Shane Hmiel right behind Series points leader Bobby Hamilton was fifth in the starting grid.



Fresno State tailback Bryson Sumlin breaks an 89-yard run during Friday's 70-14 victory over Hawaii. Sumlin rushed for 220 yards and three touchdowns and the Bulldogs amassed 679 yards.

Fresno St. flattens defenseless Hawaii

FRESNO. Calif. - Bryson Sumlin rushed for 220 yards and three touchdowns, and Wendell Mathis added 176 yards and three scores in Fresno State's 70-14 victory over Hawaii on Friday night

Paul Pinegar, Matt Rivera and Robbie Dubois also scored rushing TDs for the Bulldogs (6-3, 3-3 WAC) who set a school record with 503 rushing yards. Fresno State became bowl-eligible with its third straight victory, humiliating its unfriendly conference rivals with 679 yards of offense.

For Hawaii's beleaguered defense, it started ugly and never got pretty: The Bulldogs scored on seven of their first eight possessions to take a 49-0 halftime lead.

NCAA career passing leader Timmy Chang was 26-for-43 for 167 yards and a touchdown for the riors (4-5, 4-4), and receiver Chad Owens became Hawaii's career leader in all-nurnose vards It wasn't nearly enough to counteract the Bulldogs' running game.

Fresno State led 35-0 early in the second quarter, eclipsing its

previous season high in rushing yards 12 minutes before halftime Sumlin and Mathis alternated long runs and Pinegar passed for 160 of his 176 yards before half time and rushed for a 1-yard

score Hawaii's defense has been a season-long disaster, ranking near the bottom of the NCAA in several categories. But the Bulldogs took the Warriors to a new low. Boise State had 589 yards in Hawaii's 69-3 loss two weeks ago - but Fresno State had 512 at

halftime, delighting the large crowd at chilly Bulldog Stadium. The Bulldogs seem headed to a bowl game for the sixth straight year - perhaps the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco, if the Pac-10 can't qualify the requisite number of teams for bowl berths.



In Friday's other game:

Memphis 30, Southern Mississippi 26: DeAngelo Williams rushed for 199 yards and keved a second-half comeback with two touchdowns to help host Memphis become bowl-eligible for the second straight season.

The Tigers (6-3, 3-3 Conference USA) snapped a two-game losing streak. It was the second straight loss for Southern Miss (5-3, 4-2).

Memphis trailed 26-14 before Williams scored on 4- and 75-yard runs late in the third quarter to give the Tigers the lead.

Stephen Gostkowski, who struggled against winds approaching 20 mph, connected on a 31-yard field goal with 6:51 remaining for Memphis' final points.

Golden Eagles quarterback Dustin Almond struggled, completing nine of 20 passes. One of those completions was to Antwon Courington for a 16-yard touchdown to give the Golden Eagles a 12-7 halftime lead.



Memphis tailback DeAngelo Williams ran for 199 vards on Friday.

Gordon will miss fall race at Darlington BY PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press DARLINGTON, S.C. - Jeff Gordon wishes the Nextel Cup's championship chase would go through

Darlington Raceway for years to come - for himself and the sport. Gordon has won a record-tying five Southern 500s at Darlington

The 55th and final Southern 500 will be run Sun-

"On a personal level, I think it's a mistake because

we run good at this track," Gordon said. "But if you could pick this track up and set it in New York City or I.A. or Texas or Miami, then we'd be racing here.

Gordon says Darlington's historic, tricky 1.366-mile oval is one of the most difficult on the circuit and a challenge drivers battling for a Nextel Cup crown should have to face. However, Darlington's smallish capacity of about 60,000 plus its so-so attendance records in the face of bigger, newer layouts throughout the country are reasons it lost one of

its two Nextel Cup dates for the 2005 schedule. "The bottom line is decisions

have to be made for the better of the sport." Gordon said. "The history of a racetrack can only take you so far. Next season, a race at Texas

Jeff Gordon

Motor Speedway will replace Darlington in the final stretch Cale Yarborough has also won five Southern 500s

Gordon is also third on the track's career victories list with six behind David Pearson (10) and the late Dale Earnhardt (9).

Beyond his personal success, though, Gordon thinks Darlington belongs in NASCAR's 10-race championship chase. "But then I'd want to see a road course in there, too," he said

Gordon, who won the last of his four NASCAR titles in 2001, is second in this year's championship race, 41 points behind Kurt Busch with the season's final races here and next week at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Patient Syracuse zoned in against Princeton

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — When Syracuse won the 2003 national championship, the Orange flustered every opponent in the NCAA tournament with coach Jim Boehe-im's favorite weapon — his 2-3 zone deference.

Not much has changed for the Orange, and Princeton found that out Friday night

College roundup

in Syracuse's 56-45 victory in the second round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

After racing to a

nine-point lead against Syracuse's man defense, the Tigers (1-1) struggled to get their motion offense to work after No. 6 Syracuse (2-0) switched to the zone

"We did a very poor job on our man-to-man," Boeheim said. "We felt all along we would play some zone but felt we could get by a little longer than we did. As it was, we waited too long."

The Tigers went 6-for-9 and reeled off a

The Tigers went 6-for-9 and reeled off a 14-2 spurt while the Orange hit just two of 11 shots. Scott Greenman's three-pointer gave Princeton a 14-5 lead despite two shot-clock violations.

Enter the zone, exit the Tigers

Princeton finished the game 15-for-38, shooting just 30 percent in the second half. And after Max Schaefer's three-pointer tied it 40-40 with 8:41 left, the Tigers managed only five free throws the remainder of the game.

"We just about put ourselves in position to have a chance to win the game," first-year Princeton coach Joe Scott said.

"Syracuse couldn't guard us man-to-man, but they have something to go to that really is their staple. I don't know if there's another team in America that could have done that to us."

Hakim Warrick had 20 points for Syra-

cuse, which advanced to the semifinals at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night against No. 12 Mississippi State. Princeton which best Bucknell 61.48 in

Princeton, which beat Bucknell 61-48 in the first round, held its own against the Orange until the closing minutes. Svracuse led 28-22 at halftime and built

a 34-24 lead on a three-point play by Warrick with 17:13 remaining.



Syracuse's Josh Pace, left, battles Princeton's Luke Owings for a loose ball Friday night.

The Tigers rallied, but it was a struggle. They needed 10 passes to set up Luke Owings' layup that tied it 37-37.

"We keyed in on defense," said Terrence Roberts, who had eight points and six rebounds for the Orange despite a sore left knee. "That was the main thing. We knew we had to be mentally prepared to play defense."

Will Venable led the Tigers with 17 points and six rebounds and Judson Wallace had 11 points. Demetris Nichols had 14 points for the Orange. In the first round, the Orange hit nine of

In the first round, the Orange hit nine of their first 10 shots, jumped to a 24-0 lead and beat Northern Colorado 104-54. It wasn't so easy against the Tigers.

"We had to match their physical aggression, and I think we did a pretty good job of that," said Venable, who was 5-for-5 from the floor, hit all six of his free throws, and

led the Tigers with six rebounds. "It's a tough matchup with Syracuse. They're big and long and strong. It was a challenge."

Mississippi State 55, Birmingham, Ala, ham-Southern 48: At Birmingham, Ala, 12th-ranked Mississippi State struggled offensively in their second game without preseason All-America Lawrence Roberts, but still managed to earn a trip to New York for next week's semifinals and finals.

Roberts, who said he expects to play against Syracuse, missed a 5.4-9 victory over Fairfield on Thursday night as he served a one-game suspension from the NCAA over expenses he received to attend a tryout before the NBA Draft. The 6-foot-10 senior didn't play against Birmingham-Southern because of a broken nose suffered last week in practice. Winsome, Ergeire, led. the Bulldows

Winsome Frazier led the Bulldogs

against Birmingham-Southern (1-1), scoring 18 points, including Mississippi State's last 10 of the game.

In other games Friday:

Saint Mary's 61, California 52: At Berkeley, Calif., E.J. Rowland had 17 points and 12 rebounds as Saint Mary's advanced to the Coaches vs. Cancer semifinals next Thursday at Madison Square Garden against the winner of the Memphis region. George Mason and No. 24 Memphis play Saturday night.

Jonathan Sanders had 17 points and eight rebounds and Brett Collins added 15 points for the Gaels (2-0).

The Gaels came out in a scrappy man-to-man defense to fluster and outhustle the sloppy Bears (1-1). Saint Mary's converted 22 of 26 free throws — 10-of-12 by Rowland — shot 41 percent and held a 38-32 rebounding edge.

Marquise Kately led Cal with 24 points and seven rebounds.

New Mexico 75 North Carolina A&T 59: At Albuquerque, David Chiotti and Danny Granger each scored 18 points and New Mexico overcame 26 turnovers to win its opener in the NABC Classic.

New Mexico broke the game open in the first eight minutes of the second half rhe Aggies got a free throw from guard Sean Booker in the opening minute, then were seen that scoreless for the next 7-43. The drought ended with a turnaround jumper by Jack with 12-17 left in the game, but by then the Lobos were un 48-34.

Chiotti and Granger dominated the smaller Aggies inside. Chiotti was 8-for-9 and Granger was 5-for-8.

Booker led the Aggies with 18 points, 15

in the first half.

Santa Clara 74, Duquesne 65: At Albuquerque, Doron Perkins scored 24 points and Tristan Parham had 10 points and 11 rebounds Santa Clara opened the season with a victory in the NABC Classic. The Broncos took a 13.4 lead and stayed

in control the rest of the way. Jack Higgins led Duquesne with 15 points.

The Dukes twice got within five points in the second half, the latter at 70-65 after two free throws by Kieron Achara with 1:06 left. Kyle Bailey hit four free throws in the final 57 seconds for Santa Clara.

With meetings over, GMs now look to make deals

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Joe Garagiola Jr. packed up, set to head home and ready to deal with Randy Johnson. The Arizona general manager figures to be real busy in the near future.

He's hardly alone. After five days of discussion, debate and a final South Beach birthday bash, the GM meetings broke up. Now the real business begins.

Starting Friday, teams could talk money with any free agent.

There's also a better chance clubs can complete the trade they talked about this week. The New York Mets huddled with the Chicago Cubs for two straight days, raising speculation that slugger Sammy Sosa might be headed to New York

The New York Yankees plan to be prime players in the winter markets. They missed out on getting Johnson last summer, and may take another run at the Arizona ace.



Johnson and the Diamondbacks aren't exactly a great match anymore. The 2001 World Series co-MVP with Curt Schilling, the Big Unit spent this year with a team that lost 111 games. He's due S16 million next year, and a trade could help Arizona cut its payroll.

"If this process were to begin, it would end with Randy," Garagiola said. "He is a 10-and-5 player, he has a no-trade clause. No one is in more control of his situation than Randy."

Garagiola hopes to meet with the 41-year-old Johnson next week to reach some sort of understanding.

Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Carlos Delgado, Nomar Garciaparra and Troy Percival were some of the available free agents, with Roger Clemens one of the last to file.

"I heard some very serious things today that made me think there are going to be some clubs that are going to be very aggressive in the free-agent process," said agent Scott Boras, who represents Beltran and Beltre.

Still, many players will wait until mid-December or later to

"They want to hear from all parties sometimes before they make a decision," Boras said.

Reliever Doug Brocail became the first of the 207 free agents to sign, returning to the Texas Rangers for a SI million, one-year deal Friday. And among players eligible for arbitration, Cincinnati catcher Jason LaRue agreed to a

S3 million, one-year contract.
Pedro Martinez, Jason Varitek
and Derek Lowe were among 16
members of the World Series
champion Boston Red Sox to file
for free agency. Boston GM Theo
Epstein did not seem too concerned about so many unsigned

"It's part of the natural process," he said.

Besides, do not look for the

stats-oriented Epstein to be overly sentimental when deciding who to bring back to Boston. Such a coolly efficient ap-

proach has done well for a couple of GMs who have achieved long-term success: John Schuerholz let pitchers Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux leave Atlanta, and Brian Cashman parted ways with popular Yankees Andy Pettitte and Tino Martinez.

That could mean Pedro Martinez will be playing somewhere else next season, with Carl Pavano taking his place in the Red Sox rotation

Born and raised in Connecticut, Pavano was drafted by Boston in 1994, then traded in a package to Montreal for Martinez after the 1997 season.

At 28, Pavano went 18-8 for Florida and may now be beyond the Marlins' financial means. Pavano's agent, Scott Shapiro, met with a bunch of teams this week

at the oceanfront hotel where the GMs stayed, including Boston, the Yankees, Seattle, Baltimore and Detroit

"I think it's 18 teams that have shown interest," Shapiro said. New York also is looking at

New York also is looking at Eric Milton and left-hander reliever Ron Villone, among others. While they figure to spend another offseason fighting for play-

other offseason righting for players, Cashman and Epstein were on the same side Thursday night. They were among several general managers celebrating with a

eral managers celebrating with a rollicking party on San Diego GM Kevin Towers' 43rd birthday. A day after the GMs split 15-15 on a vote to further consider the

A day after the GMs spit 15-15 on a vote to further consider the use of instant replay, the meetings ended with a briefing from MLB security head Kevin Hallinan on a disturbing topic: issues relating to kidnapping in foreign countries.

"Sad to say, but it's something you have to be aware of," Hallinan said.

Detroit pitcher Ugueth Urbina's mother was kidnapped in Venezuela on Sept. 1 by armed men and has not been released.

Leaving the rest behind

Miami's Wade follows hard summer with fast start

BY TIM REYNOLDS

MIAMI — There was no offseason for Dwyane Wade. At 22, who needs rest?

Wade capped a strong rookie year last spring by carrying Miami to the Eastern Conference semifinals. He spent the summer playing for the Olympic team, then resumed workouts with his Heat teammates in the full.

The constant honing of his game is paying off, and Wade no longer is thought of as a superstar-in-waiting. He's arrived, with his talent and charisma enhanced alongside new Heat center Shaquille O'Neal.

In his first five games this season, the 6-foot-4 guard average 25.6 points on 51.9 percent shooting, plus 6.2 rebounds and 7.4 assists — ranking him among the league's most complete players and proving his teammates weren't offering blind loyalty when proclaiming him the NBA's top rookie last year.

"It's the first time I've really felt this confident so early in a season," Wade said. "Most times it comes midseason, but starting off early with it is nice and it comes from a lot of things. It comes from the playoffs, comes from the Olympics and comes from the team I've got around me."

Having the league's."

guardable player around doesn't hurt. They've been teammates only a short time, but Wade and 44I don't think he's ever doubted

himself or his ability. And his confidence is probably

increased a little bit after what he did last year.

> Stan Van Gundy Miami Heat coach

O'Neal seem to be clicking. Wade's forte is getting to the rim—and with O'Neal attracting so much defensive attention, penetration is clearly easier. More than half of his 41 field goals in the first five games were either lawnes or duste.

the first tive gennal layups or dunks.
"He's played great, so obviously I think his confidence is very high," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "But Dwyane's always been such a confident guy. ... I don't think he's ever doubted himself or his ability. And his confidence is probably increased a lit-

the bit after what he did last year."

One of the first passes Wade threw to O'Neal during their first workouts together hit the 11-time All-Star squarely in the face.

Now they're in harmony — on the court and alongside each other in the Miami spotlight. "He actually has an all-around game," O'Neal said. "A lot of guys are just one-dimensional. This guy can shoot, he can pass, he can create and I think he's got to be one of the league's top four guards already. Hopefully — winy tutelage—he'll be No. 1."

Wade may one day reach the NBA pinnacle, but he's not seeking such acclaim.

The feud between O'Neal and Kobe Bryant felled what might have become a dynasty for the Los Angeles Lakers, with the two unable to share the spotlight. O'Neal tried to prevent that from happening in Miami, saying shortly after the offseason trade that the Heat was Wade's team. Asked about that statement,

Asset about mar statement, wade still cringes uncomfortably. "I'm always going to play the same way whether I have the spotlight or I don't," Wade said. "I'm out there playing basketball, the way I always knew how — first for my teammates and then get ting stuff for myself. When you're out there, you don't think about the spotlight. You just think about

what you've got to do to win." Wade said he wasn't concerned about the lack of an offseason lay-off. He missed 21 games last year because of injury, and sprained his left ankle late in Thursday's 11.3-93 loss to Dallas — but says his body is holding up well under the rigors of NBA play.

"I'm in a groove of playing,"
Wade said. "I didn't need any
time off."



Miami's Dwyane Wade (3), shown during a 37-point outing against Washington, is off to a fast start this season, averaging over 25 points a game for a team strengthened by the acquisition of Shaquille O'Neal.

Bulls' Curry might be attractive to other teams

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

Asked who might be the first big-name player to be traded this season, New York Knicks president Isiah Thomas answered Eddy Curry and Philadelphia 76ers president Billy King guessed Kurt Thomas.

Perhaps they'll both be correct. Six teams reportedly contacted Chicago about Curry on Thursday after his agent issued a trademand and Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf was said to have OK'd the notion of parting ways with the No. 4 overall pick from the 2001 draft.

"I'm not going to be intimidated or persuaded by any agent who goes public and tries to do what he thinks is right for his client," Bulls general manager John Paxson told reporters in Chicago. "I think it only hurts him and doesn't do us any good either. They went about things the wrong way.

"And I won't just do something to make any kind of move. It's going to have to make sense for us."

Curry moved quickly to make amends, saying he was just blowing off steam to his agents after a loss, never thinking they'd take the matter public.

Curry is being paid \$3.9 million this season, his last under the



rookie salary scale. He will be a restricted free agent after this season, giving his team the right to match any offer he receives on the open market.

But which team will have that right? New York, Phoenix, Minne-sota and Memphis are some of the more obvious teams with a desire for a new center, the Knicks having soured on Nazr Mohammed, the Suns making do with Jake Voskuhl and Jackson Vro-Jake Voskuhl and Jackson Vro-Jake Voskuhl and Jackson Vro-Jake Viskuhl and Jackson Vro-Jake Viskuhl and Jake Viskuhl and Take Jake Jake Jake Viskuhl and Take Jake Jake Viskuhl and Jake Tsakalidis.

Curry has been a disappointment for the Bulls, who selected him and Tyson Chandler out of high school with two of the first four picks in the 2004 draft.

Former Chicago general manager Jerry Krause, who dealt Elton Brand to the Los Angeles Clippers for the draft rights to Chandler, later made the disastrous move of sending Ron Artest and Brad Miller, both of whom became All-Stars, to the Indiana Pacers for Jalen Rose.

Curry lost nearly 40 pounds over the summer, but the Bulls didn't offer him an extension and dared him to prove he's worthy of a long-term investment.

"Until Eddy's not a part of our organization, we have to find a way to get him going, get him playing, get him believing," Paxson said.

Curry, 21, averaged 14.7 points and 6.2 rebounds last season as the Bulls went 23-59. His three-year record with Chicago, entering this weekend, was 74-175.

If Curry is traded, the Bulls likely would package him with another player or two. Paxson would be eager to include Antonio Daxis, who makes \$12 million this season and next. Pairing Curry with the expiring contracts of Othella Harrington (\$3.15 million) and/or Frank Williams (\$957,000) would be a more likely scenario.

New York could be an aggressive player in the bidding for Curry, but Isiah Thomas wouldn't want to make too hasty a move if he thought it might cost him a shot at Vince Carter or Chris Web-

One of the Knicks president's most tradable commodities is Kurt Thomas, who makes \$5.4 million but has a 15 percent trade kicker in the contract extension he signed last spring.

Following the Knicks' buyout of Shandon Anderson, Kurt Thomas is one of the few remaining links to the tenure of Scott Layden, the team president ousted 10½ months ago. Another holdover is Allan Houston, who has yet to even scrimmage with the team while slowly making his way back from chronic knee sore-

ness related to the effects of mi-

crofracture surgery.

Webber also underwent microfracture knee surgery, and other teams have been scared off by Webber's struggles since his return last spring — although his 21 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists Tuesday night against Toronto

could change a few minds.
Wally Szczerbiak is the name
most mentioned in Timberwolves
trade rumors, while former rookie of the year Mike Miller is on
the radar as the most likely Memphis player to be moved by Jerry
West.

The Sums held onto Shawn Marion all summer when many expected him to be dealt, and Phoenix is unlikely to tinker too much with the chemistry of a team that came within an overtime loss at Cleveland of starting the season

The Denver Nuggets, desperate for backcourt help following the season-ending injury to starter Voshon Lenard, also could be a possible destination for Curry if the Bulls included Eric Piatkowski (\$2.8 million) in a deal.

Odds and ends: Pop quiz:

Which of these players began the weekend averaging less than 18 points a game: Chicago's Luol Deng, Charlotte's Primoz Brezec or Miami's Shaquille O'Neal? Answer below.

■ The newest trend in hair is pigtails. We kid you not. Among the players sporting 'tails are Seate's Danny Fortson and Minnesota's Latrell Sprewell and Troy

■ How bad are the Atlanta Hawks? They were outscored by an average of 20.3 points in their first four games.

■ The New Jersey Nets already have played two overtime games. Last season, they didn't play their first until March 31.

Miami forward Udonis Haslem entered the weekend shooting nearly 70 percent (25-for-36), about 13 percentage points higher than teammate O'Neal. Shaq, by the way, entered the weekend with 35 field goals and 34 missed free throws (in \$2

■ Of the three players topping the league in assists entering the weekend, two — Milwaukee's Maurice Williams and Charlotte's Jason Hart — were not even expected to be starters for their

■ Quiz answer: Through Thursday, O'Neal (17.8 points) ranked 36th in the league in scoring, behind both Deng (20.3) and Brezec

Wizards, United traveled Curry says he wants to remain with Bulls tough road to MLS Cup

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — The Kansas City Wizards and D.C. United plan to play the same scrappy style in the MLS championship game they used to get that far.

"This team has been counted out," Kansas City midfielder Diego Gutierrez said Tuesday. "But the team always had personality and character.

The Wizards overcame injuries, critics, and a tough playoff road to reach Sunday's MLS Cup.

Kansas City defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy in the Western Conference final after knocking off defending champion San Jose.

The Wizards advanced with a victory in the second game of the two-game, aggregate-goal series.

The Wizards are attempting to become the third MLS team to win the U.S. Open Cup and MLS Cup in one season.

"We had veterans and voung players, and what we tried to do all year was to get points, get the home-field advantage, and to

walk off with two trophies at the end of the year," Gutierrez said.

United advanced to the MLS Cup with a 4-3 victory over New England that went to penalty kicks, and the victory wasn't secured until goalkeeper Nick Rimando stopped the Revolution's sixth kick

D.C. players plan to deny the Wizards the second trophy.

"I had faith in this team," said Freddy Adu, the 15-year-old phenom who had five goals and three assists as a United rookie.

"We've done so well. It's been fun to watch us grow as a team. Now one more game that we hope to win.

To do so, they will have to slow a strong attack led by Josh Wolff and Davy Arnaud.

Wolff had 10 goals and seven assists and Arnaud added nine goals and eight assists. Arnaud scored both goals in the clinching

victory over Los Angeles. "Both of them are very exciting-type players, very crisp, very sharp," United defender Ryan Nelsen said. "It's going to be a lot

it very tough in the back.

"If we can keep it clean in the back, we have a very good chance of winning."

Jaime Moreno and Alecko Eskandarian spearhead United's offense. Moreno has seven goals and 14 assists, and Eskandarian 10 goals and two assists.

D.C. coach Peter Nowak, a player on the losing side when Kansas City defeated the Chicago Fire 1-0 in the 2000 MLS Cup, said his team will try to approach the game as business as usual.

"They [the Wizards] have very good experience, a couple of guys who won the championship," Nowak said. "But we have to take care of ourselves first. We have to stick with our plan and find a way to win the Cun.

Kansas City coach Bob Gansler said his team has undergone a bit of an evolution in the way it's played this year.

"It's the guys on the field who prevail," Gansler said. "I don't think it has much to do with the guys biting their fingernails on the sidelines."

DEERFIELD, Ill. - Eddy Curry might want to think twice venting to his agents

Curry said Friday he wants to stay with his hometown Chicago Bulls, blaming his agents for turning his private complaints into a public demand for a trade and adding chaos to a team that al-

ready has more than enough. "I'm not trying to go nowhere," Curry said after the Bulls' prac-tice. "There's no way I want to leave Chicago, under no circumstances. Right now, I'm just trying to get all this past me and

move forward." The drama began Tuesday night with Curry's first game of the season. Despite losing more than 30 pounds over the summer and working hard on his game, Curry again looked lost. He didn't take a shot until the second quarter, didn't play in the fourth and finished with six rebounds and three points on 1-for-5 shooting.

Curry and the rest of the Bulls were showered with boos during the 94-74 loss to the Suns, which dropped them to 0-3.

Curry said he talked to agents, Darren White and Lamont Carter, after the game as he usually

"I just told them I was upset. That was just how I was feeling,'

briefs

to them like I would anybody I felt was close

to me. 'I'm frus trated and all of this,' and 'Losing and this and that and this and that.' I just didn't expect for it to get out.

He awoke Thursday to learn that White was asking the Bulls to trade their 7-foot center, drafted out of high school with Tyson Chandler in 2001 to be the cornerstones of the next dynasty

Only White hadn't gone to Paxson with his trade demand. He'd gone to the Chicago Sun-Times

"I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe it," Curry said. "I definitely had a few choice words for them yesterday. I said it was something that was definitely out of order. ... I never meant for it to get out like that."

Robinson fails physical. to undergo surgery

NEW YORK - Free-agent forward Eddie Robinson failed a physical Friday with the New York Knicks, who were set to sign him to a \$1.3 million contract for the remainder of this season

Robinson, who has a bone growth disorder in his toe, has decided to undergo surgery that will sideline him from six weeks to three months

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Iverson's first buzzer-beater lifts 76ers over Pacers in OT

PHILADELPHIA - Through All-Star Games, an MVP award and a trin to the NRA Finals, there was something missing in Allen Iverson's career. A perfect ending.

Iverson sank the first buzzer-beating shot of his nine-year career, a 14-footer in overtime, and scored 15 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 106-104 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Friday

night.
"It's a great feeling to hit a shot with no time on "ha clock" said Iverson, who sank a halfcourt winner for the U.S. Olympic team against Germany in an exhibition game

Iverson is getting used to dramatic shots

He sent a game into overtime in the final seconds earlier this week, then didn't lose confidence against the Pacers even as he struggled with his shot. He played 44 minutes, but went 5-for-23 from the floor. "I just couldn't get in no type of rhythm," Iverson

said. "I couldn't get warm. I couldn't feel my hands the whole game.



He was hot when it mattered though as Iverson took the hall the length of the court and beat the short-handed Pacers with a shot from just above the free throw line over Eddie Gill.

"His shots didn't fall until the last one, and who cares about the others?" Sixers coach Jim O'Brien said

Kyle Korver made seven three-pointers and scored a career-high 23 points, Marc Jackson had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and John Salmons and Corliss Williamson each scored 15 points for the Sixers

Korver capped Philadelphia's furious fourth-quarter comeback with a three from the top of the key with 3.6 seconds left, tying it 100-all

"I knew we needed a three, so I just backed up and took it," Korver said.

The victory spoiled the return of Indiana's Ron Artest, benched for two games for asking for time off because of his busy schedule - including producing an R&B album and working on his side career as a rapper. Coach Rick Carlisle said Artest "compromised the integrity of the team."

Artest scored 29 points and had a flagrant foul

late in the fourth quarter, Jermaine O'Neal had a career-high 39 points, and Stephen Jackson 17 for Indi-Artest and O'Neal shot a combined 24-for-38.

"If you try to do the right things, good things hap-pen to you," Artest said. "I think everything happens for a reason. Nobody got hurt. There's a bunch

of good people on this team."

Artest's return helped offset the absences of center Scot Pollard (sore back), forward Jonathan Bender (viral infection), guard Fred Jones (quad strain)

and center John Edwards (personal reasons) With Reggie Miller (hand), Anthony Johnson (hand) and Jeff Foster (hip) also out, the Pacers

only had eight players available. In overtime, they were down to five.

The Pacers lost O'Neal, who gave the Pacers a

102-100 lead on the first play of OT, when he fouled out after reaching in on Iverson on the next possession, Jamaal Tinsley (10 assists) and David Harrison also fouled out in overtime.

Four Pacers starters played at least 40 minutes through regulation while Iverson was the only Sixer to do so Korver hit three contested threes and scored 11 points in the fourth to rally Philadelphia from a 17-point deficit in the third quarter.

Seldom-used James Jones took the last shot for Indiana in overtime, but Artest said he should have had the hall

"We have confidence in all our teammates," Artest said. "If JJ was open, he would have knocked that shot down. I should have took that last shot.' While Artest was gone, the Pacers suffered a

102-68 loss Wednesday to the Clippers, the worst home loss in franchise history. But with O'Neal and Artest getting along on the

court - after getting into a locker room shouting match last week - the Pacers hardly needed any one else. Artest instantly put the distractions of the past week behind him, tuning out the taunts of fans to score 16 points in the first half

In other games Friday

Magic 122. Lakers 113: At Orlando, Fla., Steve



Toronto Raptors' Vince Carter, right, fouls Seattle SuperSonics' Jerome James during the second half Friday night in Seattle. The Sonics defeated the Rantors 88-87 for their fifth consecutive victory

Francis scored a season-high 32 points, and Grant Hill added 27 points and 12 rebounds to rally Orlando to a comeback victory over Los Angeles

The Magic were behind 39-21 early in the second larter but used an impressive performance from Francis and another encouraging outing from Hill to get back in the game.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers in scoring for the seventh consecutive game, finishing with a season-high 41 points on 14-for-31 shooting. He was 11-for-12 from the free throw line

Spurs 93. Heat 84: Manu Ginobili scored 29 points and host San Antonio held longtime nemesis Shaquille O'Neal scoreless down the stretch. O'Neal had 23 points and 21 rebounds.

Tony Parker had 18 points, and Tim Duncan added 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs in coach Gregg Popovich's 400th victory with the team

Knicks 110, Clippers 96: At New York, Stephon Marbury had 21 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds before sitting out the fourth quarter.

Jamal Crawford added 19 points, Tim Thomas had 15, Michael Sweetney 14 and Jerome Williams 12 for the Knicks, who reached 100 points with more than eight minutes left.

Celtics 91, Bobcats 74: At Boston, Gary Payton scored 10 of his 15 points in the third quarter to help the Celtics extend their winning streak to three

Ricky Davis added 19 points for Boston. Eddie House had 15 points for the expansion Bobcats, 0-2 on the road and 1-3 overall.

Grizzlies 96, Warriors 67: At Memphis, Tenn. Pau Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lift the

Grizzlies past winless Golden State. The Warriors (0-6) are off to their worst start

since dropping nine straight to open the 1997-98 season. The Warriors shot 27.5 percent from the field. Hawks 96, Hornets 95: Antoine Walker scored 27 points to help visiting Atlanta improve to 1-4 with

a victory over winless New Orleans Kenny Anderson and Al Harrington each added 17 points for Atlanta. The Hornets have lost five straight under new coach Byron Scott, matching the worst start in franchise history.

SuperSonics 88, Raptors 87: At Seattle, the SuperSonics' Antonio Daniels hit a driving 8-foot shot with 7.2 seconds left and Toronto's Vince Carter missed a reverse layup as time expired.

The Sonics (5-1) won their fifth consecutive game after a 30-point, season-opening road loss to the Clippers. Ray Allen led Seattle with 29 points.

Chris Bosh scored 19 points for the Raptors.

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Forbes: NHL overstated financial losses

The Accordated Prace

NEW YORK — The NHL suffered less than half the losses it has claimed the past two years, according to a report in Forbes Mag-

azine.

In an article in its Nov. 29 edition, the business magazine — which did not have access to all of the 30 teams' financial records — estimates the NHL lost a combined \$96 million last season, not \$224 million as reported by the

league.
For the 2002-03 season, in which the NHL stated losses of \$273 million, Forbes estimates they were actually about \$123 mil-

The discrepancy occurred because several NHL teams aren't accounting for all their revenue, Forbes reported. The magazine said the NHL included only half of the \$17 million the New York Islanders got last year for cable broadcasts, for example.

william Wirz, who owns the Chicago Blackhawks, also owns half of the United Center, where the team plays. Forbes said that the arena's 212 suites pulled in \$15 million last season, money that wasn't included in the league's numbers. The United Center is a separate corporate entity from the Blackhawks, the magazine reported.

"The Forbes article is factually

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inaccurate in numerous respects and is not based on any of the actual information that would be needed to support its claims," Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, told The Canadian Press on Friday, "It is nothing short of irre-

sponsible journalism."
The great losses are why the NHL is shut down now by a lock-out, imposed by Commissioner Gary Bettman in September following the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement with the players association. Through Friday, 200 regular-season games and the All-Star Game were called off.

The NHL stands by its numbers, pointing to the league-commissioned audit by former Securities & Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt. Levitt's study found NHL clubs lost \$273 million in 2002-03.

Crew's Fraser, Rapids' Cannon among those honored by MLS

CARSON, Calif. — Robin Fraser of the Columbus Crew was selected Friday as Major League Soccer's top defender of 2004, and Joe Cannon of the Colorado Rapids was chosen as the league's top goalkeeper.

Other award winners announced were rookie of the year Clint Dempsey of the New England Revolution and comeback player of the year Brian Ching of the San Jose Earthquakes.

Greg Andrulis, who guided Columbus to a 12-5-13 record that included a league-record 18-match unbeaten streak to finish the regular season, was chosen as coach of the year.

The 37-year-old Fraser, who won the defender honor in 1999 with Los Angeles, helped Columbus finish second in the league in goals allowed with 32. The Crew also recorded 10 shutouts.

Cannon was the lone goalkeeper in the league to play every minute this season. He made 150 saves in the regular season, had an 80.2 saves percentage, and logged 10 shutouts.

Diaz leads LPGA's Tournament of Champions

MOBILE, Ala. — Laura Diaz is too busy trying to win the Tournament of Champions to worry about qualifying for the season-ending event

son-enoning event.
Diaz took the second-round lead Friday in the Tournament of Champions, shooting a 5-under 67 to put herself into position to advance to the ADT Championship next week with a top-30 spot on the money list. She entered the

week 36th, \$33,923 behind No. 30 Stacy Prammanasudh, who is not playing in the Tournament of Champions.

"I'm trying my hardest not to think about that," Diaz said. "I'm just trying to play the best golf I can, and if I play well and get to play next week, then great. It's an honor to be in the top 30 and play in that great tournament. My goal is to make the Hall of Fame and you do that by winning tournaments. I'm trying to keep It all in perspective. I've got 36 more

holes to make birdies."

Diaz closed with three birdies to finish two rounds with an 11-under 133 total on Magnolia

Grove's Crossings Course. Former Yale coach Heather Daly-Donofrio (66) was two strokes back, and Lorena Ochoa (68) and Christina Kim (70) were three shots behind.

Leonard, Flesch team takes lead in Franklin Templeton

NAPLES, Fla. — Justin Leonard and Steve Flesch combined for a 9-under 63 and a one-stroke lead over Hank Kuehne and Jeff Sluman on Friday after the first round of the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

Greg Norman and Scott McCarron had a 7-under 65 in the modified alternate-shot format, tied with John Daly and Rory Sabbatini



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Anastasia Myskina, above, defeated top-seeded Lindsay Davenport 7-6 (5), 6-4 in the WTA Championships in Los Angeles on Friday.

Davenport upset by Myskina

Mauresmo still has chance to reclaim No. 1

BY BETH HARRIS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — French Open champion Anastasia Myskina upset Lindsay Davenport 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in the WTA Championships on Friday night, which could jeopardize the American's hold on the No. 1 ranking.

could jeopardize the American's hold on the No. 1 ranking. Davenport owns a 351-point lead over No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, who still has a chance to regain the top spot she held for five weeks after the U.S. Open Davenport needed to reach Monday night's final to guarantee she

would end the year at No. 1 for the third time in her career. "If I finish the year two, it's been a great year," said Davenport, who owns a tour-leading seven titles this year. "If I finish one, great. If she plays well here and wins it, she absolutely de-

serves it." Mauresmo beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-2 for the fourth time this year and still has a chance to take away Davenport's ranking despite never winning a Grand

Slam title.

Wimbledon champion Maria
Sharapova eliminated Vera
Zvonareva with a 6-4, 7-5 victory.
Playing in the tournament for the
first time, Zvonareva finished last
in her four-woman group with an
0-3 record.

Sharapova improved to 2-0 and

has yet to drop a set.
"I got my whole game together," she said. "When you have some confidence, if you're down a break point, you can still come

back."

She was to play Mauresmo, also 2-0, on Saturday, although both women already have qualified for the semifinals.

Warren warned over Roethlisberger comments

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The NFL warned Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Gerard Warren for comments he made about trying to hit Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in the head during Sunday's game.

"We notified the team, including Gerard Warren, that if a play-



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er commits a flagrant foul after making such a statement, it may be a decisive factor supporting the suspension of the player, depending on the entire set of circumstances," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Warren told reporters Thursday that the Browns needed to rat-

day that the Browns needed to rattle Roethlisberger. "One rule they used to tell me:

Kill the head and the body's dead," Warren said. He said if the Browns can shake the confidence of Pitts-

shake the confidence of Pittsburgh's rookie, they might be able to stun the Steelers. "I didn't say knock him out of

"I didn't say knock him out of the game, I said just go across his head a time or two," said Warren, who was fined \$35,000 in his rookie season for a cheap shot on former Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell.

Asked if Warren's history factored into the warning, Aiello said: "It's standard procedure if comments of that nature are made."

On Friday, Warren said he was not speaking for the Cleveland organization.

"People might have taken it in

the wrong sense," he said.

"That's just me and explaining the way I approach football. I play it on a violent level and it's a violent game."

Warren, who has battled injuries, has just six tackles and two sacks in four games this season.

Steelers running back Staley remains questionable

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers running back Duce Staley missed practice for the third

on straight day Friday with a sore ck hamstring and remains questionable for Sunday's game in Cleve-

Staley was coming off four 100-yard games in a five-game span before missing last Sunday's 27-3 victory over Philadelphia with the same injury. Jerome Bettis replaced Staley and ran for 149 yards on 33 carries — his

tis replaced Staley and ran for 149 yards on 33 carries — his most productive game in three seasons.

Verron Haynes, who often replaces Staley on third downs, was held out again Friday with a turf toe. Haynes is listed as doubtful. Rookie free agent Willie Parker is expected to step in if Haynes can't play.

Fullback Dan Kreider remains questionable with a hip flexor injury, but practiced Friday for the first time this week.

Panthers RB Davis to miss Sunday's game

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers running back Stephen Davis will not play Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers with swelling in his knee keeping him out of his seventh game this

In another blow to the Panthers' running game, Davis' primary backup, rookie Joey Harris, pulled a hamstring in practice Friday and also is questionable for the game.

Davis ran for a career-high 1,444 yards in 2003, but has carried just 24 times for 92 yards this

Panthers head coach John Fox wouldn't say Friday who will start if Harris doesn't play, but fullbacks Brad Hoover and Nick Goings probably will split the



Forget fast start; **Vikings anxious** to avoid a swoon

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

After opening 5-1, the Minnesota Vikings have lost two straight, a scary portent for a team that won its first six a year ago, then lost seven of its last 10.

Especially scary because the Vikings go this week to Green Bay, which now trails them by only a game in the NFC North.

"It's a different type of team," coach Mike Tice says when the comparison is raised to previous slides by the Vikings, "I think this team has more character

NFL picks

The Packers are favored by four points. The teams

have split the past two seasons, with Minnesota winning last vear on opening day at Lambeau Field, not surprising for a team that tends to start fast

Green Bay started slowly again this year, losing four of five, including three home losses. The Packers now have won three straight and were off last week to heal their wounds, most notably quarterback Brett bruised thumb

The Vikings, on the other hand, will be without Randy Moss again. After trying to play with his sore hamstring in the two previous games, Moss missed Mon-day night's 31-28 loss in Indianapolis and will rest his leg again on Sunday

Moss has been the difference in some big victories in Green Bay Without him ...

Pittsburgh (minus 31/2) at Cleveland: The opening line on this game was 51/2 and the early money on the Browns is a product of the obvious: a feeling the Steelers will let down after becoming the first NFL team ever with consecutive victories over unbeaten opponents this late in the season. Still, in a historic rivalry, save the letdown for later. ... STEELERS,

Philadelphia (minus 61/2) at Dallas (Monday night): The Eagles' loss in Pittsburgh put southeast Pennsylvania and south Jersey into panic mode. Take a lesson the Patriots. ... EAGLES, 40.22

Tampa Bay (plus 31/2) at Atlanta: If anyone can challenge the Falcons in the NFC South, it's probably the Bucs, who have found more offense with Brian Griese at quarterback. The Falcons are rested, but haven't played very well at home. ... BUCS. 17-16.

Seattle (plus 1) at St. Louis: The Rams sent the Seahawks on a three-game skid when they met in Seattle. The Rams are skidding now. ... SEAHAWKS, 31-30.



Daunte Culpepper will guide Minnesota's offense on Sunday at Green Bay's Lambeau Field.

Buffalo (plus 8) at New England: In winning 22 of their past 23, the Patriots have won only twice by more than 14 points. One was last week and one was 31-0 in this game last season. ... PATRI-OTS 27-20.

Raltimore (minus 11/4) at New York Jets: Quincy Carter, who replaces injured Chad Pennington, will need his mobility against the Ravens' defense. ...

Chicago (off) at Tennessee: The off is for Steve McNair's bruised chest. With a week off, he should play and do better than Kurt Warner did against the Bears last week. ... TITANS.

Houston (plus 91/2) at Indianapolis: Indianapolis doesn't stop any-one well enough to win by 9½, ... COLTS. 31-26.

Detroit (plus 3) at Jackson-ville: Tough to figure with Leftwich out. ... JAGUARS, 9-7. Kansas City (minus 41/2) at New

Orleans: Talk about no defense. ... CHIEFS, 45-42. New York Giants (minus 21/2) at Arizona: The Cardinals are de-

cent at home. No Strahan for the Giants. ... CARDINALS. 22-20. Cincinnati (plus 3) at Washington: Clinton Portis might not

throw this week, but he should run forever against the Bengals' defense. ... REDSKINS 20-13. Carolina (plus 1) at San Franwill put up points. ...

cisco: Rattay wi 49ERS, 30-26. Last week: 7-7 (spread), 8-6

(straight up). Season: 67-61-2 (spread), 84-46 (straight up).

Falcons' Vick prefers to forget first two games against Bucs

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Two years ago the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were on their way to the Super Bowl and Michael Vick looked lost

The Bucs knocked him out of one game. The next time around, they just knocked him around For one of the few times in his career, the Atlanta Falcons quarterback went up against a defense that made him look downright or-

"It's been so long," Vick said, his memory getting conveniently fuzzy. "I can't remember what happened in those games. But I know that back then, their defense was aggressive. The front four was part of the reason that I struggled against them."

Times have changed. The Bucs (3-5) are struggling to get back in the playoff race after losing their first four games, a carryover from last season when they followed up their Super Bowl championship by missing the playoffs.

The Falcons (6-2) have a three-game lead in the NFC South, and they can deliver a crushing blow to Tampa Bay when the division rivals meet Sunday at the Georgia Dome

"It is a huge game for us," Bucs quarterback Brian Griese said, "and we are going to treat it that

The Bucs have been able to do a better job than most teams at containing Vick, who really struggled when he went against a Warren Sapp-led defense in 2002.

In the first meeting, Vick completed just four of 12 passes for 37



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yards in a 20-6 loss. He was sacked three times, managed only a yard rushing and wasn't even around at the end, leaving with a sprained shoulder after being driven into the turf by Sime-

The Falcons then put together an eight-game unbeaten streak. setting up a rematch in Tampa Bay. Vick vowed to have his best game of the season, but he passed for just 125 yards and ran for only 15 in an even-worse defeat, 34-10.

"I was young then," Vick said. "I've grown up a lot. Any threat they pose. I don't think it's anything that I can't handle.'

Last season, Vick came back from a broken leg late in the year and guided the Falcons to a 30-28 upset in Tampa Bay, eliminating ne Bucs from the playoff race He wasn't spectacular, but he threw two touchdown passes in a most satisfying victory

"It was big," Vick said. "That is a tough place to go play. We beat them at a time when they needed a win and they were trying to make it to the playoffs. We really didn't have too much going for

Vick doesn't have to worry about Sapp anymore — he's now in Oakland — but the Bucs still have players such as Rice and Derrick Brooks who know a thing or two about keeping Atlanta's quarterback in line.

"I think we pursue better than most defenses," cornerback Brian Kelly said, "You're not going to say that one guy is going to bring this guy down. You take all 11 guys and pursue.

Tampa Bay's playoff hopes are nearly as tenuous as they were when they faced the Falcons last December. At least the Bucs have rebounded from their miserable start, a turnaround that began when Griese began taking the snans

Since moving in for Chris Simms, who replaced Brad Johnson, Griese has completed 69 percent of his passes, with six touchdowns and one intercention.

The mood of the team has changed, too. With eight games to go, the Bucs believe they have found the quarterback who can lead them back into the playoff

"It is just the nature of the beast." Griese said. "When you start to get on a roll and start to have some positive momentum, it makes it a lot easier to come in here and put the hard work in that it takes to continue on that

The Falcons started the season on a roll, winning their first four games for only the second time in franchise history. They endured a humiliating loss at Kansas City, giving up an NFL-record eight TDs rushing, but bounced back with an impressive 41-28 upset in

Steeling: LB Farrior quiet leader of NFL's second-ranked defense

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A week later, Farrior had two sacks and three forced fumbles a half-season's work for some linebackers - and his punishing hit on Cowboys quarterback Vinny Testaverde caused a game-turn ing fumble in the fourth quarter.

Farrior had the two most important defensive plays Sunday as the Steelers manhandled the Eagles 27-3, a 41-yard interception return and a heads-up tackle of running back Brian Westbrook for a 2-yard loss on a third-and-2 screen nass

"He's been making a lot of plays like that, and he's gotten bet-ter with every game," defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said

"He's definitely one of our lead-

With Porter and Foote both all-pro talkers and the revved-up Haggans always in motion. Farrior said somebody must be the traffic cop on what may be the NFL's best group of linebackers. It's one that figures to get even better now that 2001 Defensive

Rookie of the Year Kendrell Bell is playing again after missing seven games with shoulder and groin injuries.

"I'm the guy who keeps every-thing together," said Farrior, who has two interceptions, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and three sacks. "I'm like the head of the group. I try to keep everyone focused on the task at hand, even though sometimes it's difficult because they're

all doing their own thing To Farrior, the time between plays can be just as entertaining as a sack on third down.

"Oh, yeah, we all love working with each other," said Farrior, a psychology major at Virginia. We play off each other and pretty much know what each other's oing to do. Larry? He really surprises you. I thought Joev talked the most trash, but Larry's passed Joey 10 times over. Anything is li-

able to come out of his mouth. "Clark? He's a high-energy guy. His motor's always running 100 miles per hour. He's always flying around doing something Even if he's wrong, he's flying."

A Steelers defense enjoying a turnaround season has done little wrong, ranking No. 2 overall, No. 1 against the run, No. 5 in scoring and No. 6 against the pass. The last two weeks. Pittsburgh limited the previously unbeaten Patriots and Eagles to a combined 28 yards rushing, even though Pro Bowl nose tackle Casey Hampton the primary run stopper went down with a season-ending knee injury Oct. 17.

The biggest difference in Pittsburgh's defense is the return of the disruption-causing pressure created by LeBeau's zone blitzes. With any or all of the four line-

backers liable to blitz, the Steelers are causing numerous breakdowns that have enabled Farrior to keep making plays.

"We trust and believe in him. and we think he's the best defen sive coordinator in the league. Farrior said of LeBeau, who returned this season after being on the Steelers' staff from 1992-96. "We all have confidence in him that he's going to put us in good situations. All we have to do is make the plays."

Ravens' defense could pose problems for Carter

Former Cowboys quarterback makes first start for Jets in place of injured Pennington

BY ANDREA ADELSON The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -After a week of talking up Quincy Carter, the New York Jets finally get to see whether he can fill in for Chad Pennington.

The task won't be easy. Carter makes his first start since last season when the Jets (6-2) play the stingy Baltimore Ravens (5-3) on

With Pennington out two to four weeks because of a strained right rotator cuff, the offense falls to Carter, who has been inconsistent throughout his four-year NFL career. Carter has a tendency to make mistakes, and that might hurt the Jets against an opportunistic Ravens defense.

Baltimore has forced 17 turnovers and scored four touchdowns on interception returns, including Ed Reed's NFL-record 106-yard return last week in a victory over Cleveland. While the Jets have turned it over only seven times this season, the



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Ravens probably will try to force

Carter into making miscues Last season with Dallas, Carter had 21 interceptions and 17 touch-

'They're doing a heck of a job this year keeping the ball in their hands and not turning the ball over," Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis said. "We're doing a heck of a job getting it away from teams. Something has to give."

The Jets might try to rely more on Curtis Martin and the ground game. Because the Rayens rely so heavily on Jamal Lewis, the running joke on sports talk radio this week was whether the teams would set a league record for few-

Kidding aside, the Jets vow they will not put the shackles on Carter. He will be allowed to improvise and make plays with his feet, while also perhaps throwing a few passes downfield.

"He doesn't have to try to win the game by himself," coach Herman Edwards said, "He doesn't have an S on his chest, we don't expect him to be Superman, leap tall buildings, do all that. Just play quarterback, go have fun, enjoy what we're getting ready to

Carter led the Cowboys to a 10-6 record and the playoffs last year Though he has never played in the West Coast offense, he has learned about limiting his mistakes from watching Pennington, who has three interceptions this

"Over the last eight games Chad has really shown how a quarterback goes out and avoids mistakes," Carter said. "Maybe I haven't had that experience to watch or sit there and learn from someone with so much precision as far as what he wants to do with the football. I've been able to watch him, so that's been a good

learning lesson for me."

Roth teams enter this game jockeying for an AFC playoff bid, and both are heading into the tough part of their schedules. The final five opponents on the Jets' schedule are over .500, while the combined record of Baltimore's final four road opponents is 25-7.

"We realize that this next month and a half is going to be critical to make a playoff push,' Ravens defensive end Marques Douglas said, "We have to take it game by game, we're going to e awesome runners. that's our focus.'

While the Jets will be without their offensive leader, the Ravens also will be without some of their key players.

Tight end Todd Heap, who led the Rayens in catches and yards receiving in 2003, will miss a sevton returns.

enth consecutive game with a sprained ankle. Left tackle
Jonathan Ogden also is out, still limping from a hamstring pull Oct. 24. Defensive back Deion Sanders will probably miss the game with a toe injury.

But the Ravens do have Jamal Lewis back, and probably will use him more. Lewis complained after last week's victory that he did not get enough action after 22 carries The Browns limited him to 81 yards, and he has just two 100-yard games this season.

Both times the Jets have allowed a 100-yard rusher, they have lost. That includes last week, when Willis McGahee had 132 yards on 37 carries.

"It's going to take gang-tack-ling, three, four guys running to the ball, make sure to wrap him up and try not to let him get started," Jets rookie linebacker Jonathan Vilma said. "If we can get him in the backfield before he gets a full head of steam, we'll be all right."

And if Carter plays well, the Jets might be fine until Penning-

Bengals, Redskins struggling to salvage seasons

BY JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. -- Eleven of the 30 teams in the NFL are 3-5, all sitting on the cusp of joining the postseason push rather than sliding into the dreaded reality of playing out the string

That's where the Cincinnati Bengals and Washington Redskins find themselves Sunday, facing each other knowing another loss or two in November essentially guarantees another year of watching playoffs on TV.

"These games over the next month become huge games," Cincinnati coach Marvin Lewis said. They really put the stamp on how your season is going to be, what you do in November and December. You'd like to get off to a fast start. We didn't do that. So now it's time to get down and play football

The Bengals and Redskins have combined for one playoff appearance in the past 12 years when Washington won the NFC East in 1999. If neither succeeds this year, the coaches will likely hear a reversal of blames: Wash ington's Joe Gibbs stuck with the veteran quarterback when he perhaps should have tried the younger one, while Lewis went young benching a veteran who played well a year ago.

Gibbs continues to support Mark Brunell, who is last in the league in completion percentage and has thrown for fewer than 100 yards in three of his past four games. Gibbs let Brunell throw the hall just twice in the second half at Detroit a week ago, relying on the Redskins' top-ranked defense to hold on for a 17-10 win.

This week, the coach added a 10-minute period at the beginning of practices to work specifi-



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cally on passing plays. Fans chanted for backup Patrick Ramsey at the last home game two weeks ago, and they will surely do so again if Brunell continues to mis-

"I have played a long time, and I have had a lot of success, and I am certainly not going to let six or seven games of not having the statistics that I want take any confidence away from me," Brunell said. "I am very confident in what I can do and how I can play this game. I see the field better than I ever have and my decisions are good. We are just not getting it done, and that falls on the quarterback. We will get things going. though.

Cincinnati's Carson Palmer found success in last week's 26-3 victory over Dallas, completing 21 of 32 passes, and he didn't get sacked for the first time this season. Lewis says he doesn't have any regrets about playing Palmer ahead of 2003 Comeback Player of the Year Jon Kitna, but the coach also says it's time for his second-year quarterback to demonstrate more leadership.

'We keep growing as a football team as he grows. He has to command a bigger presence," Lewis said. "I want him to be as demanding on everybody else as he is on himself

Cincinnati's defense is ranked last against the run, a surprise for the Redskins who played for Lewis when he was Washington's defensive coordinator under Steve Spurrier in 2002. The temp tation will be for Gibbs to take the ball out of Brunell's hands again and simply run Clinton Portis. who already leads the league in carries and is on pace for a 1.600-vard season

Redskins tackle Chris Samuels can't believe it will be that easy He faced Lewis' defense in practice every day two years ago, and it had a similar feel to the tough defense he now sees daily under Redskins assistant Gregg Will-

"Very aggressive and blitzing," Samuels said. "They want to confuse the offense

Sunday marks Lewis' first return to Washington since his one-year stint with the Redskins. He was a steady voice in chaotic and unsuccessful surroundings that season as Spurrier tried to adjust to the NFL

Lewis said he has fond memories of Washington and that he learned things from Spurrier, although he declined to say what.

"I wish we would have won more games, but I really enjoyed it," Lewis said.

The Redskins remember Lewis as a coach who breezed through on the way to better things. Lewis got his long-awaited chance to be a head coach when the Bengals hired him at the end of the 2002

"It was obvious that Marvin was only going to be here for a vear." linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "He almost left for Michigan State before the season was over. It's different with Gregg. There's security here. We know the coaches will be here next year.



Cincinnati Bengals QB Carson Palmer (9) is coming off his best game of the season with a 94.8 rating in last week's 26-3 victory over the Dallas Cowboys, but he still ranks 30th in the league with a 66.3 rating.

Hurt and humbled, Giants seek solace in the desert

Cards seek second straight win; N.Y. playing without starting DEs

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - The New York Giants used to make the trek to that half-empty stadium in the desert annually when the Arizona Cardinals were geographi-cally misplaced in the NFC East.

Now it's an occasional, welcome getaway from the hypercritical fans of New York.

The depleted Giants head to the Southwest on Sunday, trying to re-bound from an ugly home loss to Chicago against an Arizona squad seeking a rare two-game winning streak

With their starting defensive ends, including team leader Michael Strahan, gone for the season, and with two losses in three games, the Giants need a turnaround performance.

"This is the NFL. Sometimes you go through those stretches where you just don't play well enough to win," New York coach Tom Coughlin said. "But you can't just allow yourself to get into that rut where you're starting to question your ability, and you're starting to question whether you can win Expect Arizona to test the re-

placements for the injured Strahan and Keith Washington, who both went down last week in a home loss to the Bears

Young Josh McCown might realistically hope to get a bit more time to throw to Larry Fitzgerald and Anguan Boldin

their receivers take a little more time to get into their mutes let the quarterback set and make better decisions," Giants safety Brent Alexander said. "We have to play sound football and get good pressure on them

The Cardinals might try to get the run game going first with Emmitt Smith, who needs 17 yards to reach 18,000 for his career

Coughlin hasn't said who will start at end, but Osi Umenyiora, Lance LeGree, recently activated Lorenzo Bromell and recently signed Chuck Wiley are possibilities. Others on defense will have to help make up for the losses too

"I think it will happen more on a team basis," Coughlin said. "I'm anxious and looking forward to seeing how that part of it works Kurt Warner probably is glad to get out of the city after an awful

game that left many Giants fans and critics wondering when he would be benched in favor of rookie Eli Manning, Warner threw two interceptions and fumbled the ball away twice against the Bears. He was sacked seven times, the most allowed by the Giants in a game since 1996.

That was more than enough to have the shouts for Manning, the No. 1 pick in this year's draft come on in relief, something that never happened.

"When we came out of training camp. Kurt Warner was the quarterback. He still is the quarter-



Giants quarterback Kurt Warner, above, fumbled twice and threw two interceptions last Sunday in a 28-21 loss to Chicago, prompting some to call for rookie Eli Manning, the top overall pick in the draft, to play.

back," Coughlin said. "Eli is in the process of developing."

Warner said he takes the New York criticism in stride

"Really, you have got to try to block it out and not worry about it," he said, "because you knew it was going to happen as soon as things didn't go well. You still have to look at the big picture, too. This isn't about one game This is about a season?

The Giants face an Arizona defense that has been opportunistic but prone to giving up big chunks of yards on the ground. That could mean a big day for Tiki Barber.

'That's obviously been the strength of our offense all year long," Warner said. "That'e what



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The other big weapon is tight end Jeremy Shockey.

"I'll be playing over there on im sometimes," Arizona linehim sometimes, backer James Darling said. "And with Tiki, they run the ball well like it's a well-oiled machine. We have to do our job fast and physibecause they smash-mouth team."

The Cardinals (3-5) are 2-1 at home, with victories over New Orleans and Seattle. After snapping a 17-game road losing streak a 24-23 victory at Miami, Arizona is looking for its first two-game winning streak since the midpoint of last season.

"They are better than a 5-3 team," Cardinals coach Dennis Green said of the Giants. "They are more like a 7-1 team. They have an ability to run the ball extremely well. They've got the leading all-purpose player in Tiki Barber, they've got a tight end who is considered the best pass-catching tight end in the game. That makes

"If you stop the back and you stop the tight end, you have a chance to win. But it's hard to stop them both."

Rams on another rescue mission vs. Seahawks

BY R.B. FALLSTROM The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - A month ago, the St. Louis Rams scored 17 points in the final 51/2 minutes of regulation and then beat the Seattle Seahawks in overtime to rescue what appeared to be a hopelessly lost

When the Rams (4-4) face the Seahawks (5-3) Sunday, they'll be trying to rescue their season.

Win and they're tied atop the NFC West. Lose and they'll be two games back with seven to play. "Certainly, this week we've got

to get out of this little rut we're in," quarterback Marc Bulger said. "If we can get back on a roll that would be great. Giving Seattle more momentum, it would be tough to catch them."

That's because the Rams have failed to capitalize on one of the biggest comebacks of the season in the NFL, a game SI.com calls the best of the first half of the season. After beating the Bucs to go to 4-2, they've followed with losses to the previously winless Dolphins and the wounded Patriots. who had neither of their starting cornerbacks before beating St. Louis 40-22

To coach Mike Martz, it's not the losses but the way they've lost



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that's been the most galling. Martz called his team out twice during the buildup to Sunday's game, saying he was tired of making excuses and that it was time for the players to step up

Then on Wednesday the team held a full-contact scrimmage. "I'm not happy with how we're playing, period, regardless of a division race or anything else," Martz said, "I think the way

we've played the last two games is embarrassing. Losing that 17-point lead threw the Seahawks into their own rut. The loss was the first of three in a row before they posted victories the past two weeks over the Pan-

"It didn't really seem like us," running back Shaun Alexander said. "It took us a couple of weeks to realize that this is the NFL, that

thers and 49ers.

ble to be beaten "You have to take your losses

with the wins and that's what we finally did." Coach Mike Holmgren said the

loss to the Rams was a textbook case of how a perfect day can unravel. The Seahawks, favored in the preseason to unseat the Rams, had been firmly in control until late in the fourth quarter.

"Then about everything that could go wrong went wrong, and everything the Rams tried worked," Holmgren said. "Usually, you don't have eight minutes at runs that way, usually there's something in there that will dis-

"It was just a remarkable come back on their part, but on our side of the ball I was very disappointed at some of the things we did

down the stretch. Unlike Martz, who's refusing to take the blame for anything these days, Holmgren said he's at fault for giving Matt Hasselbeck too much responsibility recently.

"I think I was kind of overloading the quarterback with too much stuff," Holmgren said. "As a result, he was grinding through some stuff. I think he's a good player and as he plays that's kind of how our offense goes."



Kevin Curtis (83) attempts to score during last Sunday's 40-22 loss to New England. St. Louis scored 17 points in the last 51/2 minutes of regulation and won in OT in Seattle last month.

Alexander is perhaps more im-portant. He leads the NFC in rushing (879 yards) and touchdowns (12) and leads the NFL with a 5.1-yard per carry average, plus he had 150 vards in the first meeting against St. Louis.

"He's real patient, he's a real smooth runner," Rams linebacker Trey Faulk said. "It kind of looks like he's effortless out there, and all of a sudden he hits the hole and it's a 20-30 yard run.

The Rams know controlling Alexander will go a long way toward putting their season back on

"With all the problems we've had, we're sitting in a situation where if we win one game right now then we'll be OK," defensive tackle Tyoka Jackson said. "I don't know exactly how we're in this situation, as bad as we've played the last two weeks, but here we are

The Seahawks will likely again be without defensive end Grant Wistrom, who's missed three games with a small fracture to his left knee and was listed as doubtful. Wistrom hoped to play against the Rams, whom he left for a six-year, \$33 million free agent deal after last season.

"That'll be a Sunday decision," Holmgren said. "He's got to prove that he's strong enough and that he can move."

San Francisco QB Tim Rattay is sacked by Seattle's Rashad Moore.

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Panthers, 49ers are battered

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Though there's half a season to play, the Camlina Panthers and San Francisco 49ers could use a few

Their stars are injured, their egos are bruised, their fans are embarrassed - and they're both on pace for the worst seasons in their franchises' history. But

when they meet Sunday, one woebegone 1-7 team can win its second game

Though there are many similarities in these clubs' horror stories. there's one big difference: The Panthers had no idea they would be this bad, while the cost-cutting 49ers definitely suspected it.

Just 10 months after winning the NFC title, Carolina will need a .500 finish just to avoid the worst record of any team coming off a injuries to stars and depth play-ers alike have hindered them. most of the Panthers declined to make excuses as they evaluated

their disastrous season "We're doing stuff that we didn't do in the past," said Pan-thers defensive tackle Brentson Buckner, who played three seasons in San Francisco. "We've been making a lot of mental mistakes. We make a lot of technique errors, stuff that we can control.

"That's the most disheartening thing about it, because we pride ourselves on being a hard-nosed, technique-sound, smart football team, but we're doing a lot of dumb stuff that's hurting us now.

Nearly the same things could be said about the 49ers, who are beset by injuries and inexperience at many positions on a roster that lost much of its depth and veteran leadership to budget-crunching and had personnel decisions even before coach Dennis Erickson's second season began.

For the Panthers, the constant losing is still an unpleasant novelty to the players who weren't around for the club's 1-15 season in 2001. But it's becoming endemic for the 49ers, who lost all four preseason games and got their nly victory in overtime with a frantic comeback against Arizona

"I came here when we were still an elite team that everyone wanted to come to," said fullback Fred Beasley, who criticized his younger teammates last week for a lack of professionalism. "Now, everything has changed, and we have a whole new crop of coaches and front office people. It's just very strange."

In addition to injuries, there are more similarities to the clubs' slides. They've both failed in the game's most basic components: running the ball and stopping the

The teams have two of the NFL's worst rushing offenses, though Carolina understandably has struggled without injured running backs Stephen Davis and De-Shaun Foster. The 49ers have no such excuses, with Kevan Barlow simply unable to get going behind a suspect offensive line.

The Panthers have allowed 1.137 yards rushing, while Shaun Alexander, Marshall Faulk and Curtis Martin all carved up the Niners

Both teams are getting decent play from their quarterbacks.

Coach John Fox said Delhomme had his best game of the season in last week's loss to Oakland. while Tim Rattay has thrown the ball crisply despite a sore right forearm that's caused him to miss three games.

"There's no reason not to go out and give 100 percent, no matter what the record is," Rattay said. "There's too much work put in, and only 16 opportunities. We've got to focus on the games ahead of us, not the games behind us.

But both the Panthers and the 49ers have lost so many games this season their anger and disappointment is down to a slow burn. They know several players are auditioning for clubs sure to make major offseason changes.



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Falcons' Vick hoping to be on more solid footing

hoping to be on more solid footing against Bucs' defense this time



Fresno State runs up nearly 700 yards, rolls over Hawaii

San Diego Chargers QB Doug Flutie (7) is stopped by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Farrior on Dec. 21, 2003, in Pittsburgh. Farrior's name seldom comes up in any discussion concerning the NFL's premier defensive player, but coaches are noticing his hard-nosed play.

Steeling the spotlight

Pittsburgh LB Farrior quietly drawing notice around NFL

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

n a Pittsburgh Steelers defense filled with big hitters and big talkers, inside linebacker James Farrior sometimes gets overlooked because he's the one making the least amount of noise.

But Farrior doesn't care if he is heard, as long as he is seen.

The Steelers (7-1) are the biggest surprise in the NFL this season, bouncing back from a 6-10 record in 2003 to match the best record

after eight games in franchise history and stamp themselves as a Super Bowl contender. Farrior has been no surprise to those who watched him during five productive seasons with the Jets from 1997-2001, when he was among the NFL's leading tacklers. He has been just as productive and as consistent in Pittsburgh, but is getting recognized only now because of the big plays he regularly makes.

big plays he regularly makes. Maybe he's not a big-name defensive player like Jevon Kearse, but plenty of people have noticed him.

"Farrior is having an outstanding year," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "I don't know how many fumbles he has caused and recovered, but it is probably more than anybody else in football that I have

Every week, Farrior seems to do something new, something important, something bigger than in the previous game.

Against Cleveland on Oct. 10, Farrior and linebackers Larry Foote, Joey Porter and Clark Haggans were in quarterback Jeff Garcia's face so often he began shedding the ball even before they arrived. Afterward, coach Butch Davis called Garcia "skittish."

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